



# Why Turf?



**Durability and Usage:** Turf fields are more durable and can withstand heavy usage better than natural grass. This makes them suitable for multiple sports like soccer, football, and lacrosse or field hockey in the future.

**Playability:** Our teams currently play on turf when away as most Greater Middlesex County fields have turf. Having turf on our home field allows coaches to train our athletes to play safely on turf.

**Title IX:** Allows the district to be compliant by making Denny Stadium accessible to boys' and girls' team sports.

**Weather Resistance:** Turf can handle various weather conditions, including rain and extreme heat, without becoming muddy or deteriorating. Natural grass fields can become unusable in adverse weather, leading to game cancellations or rescheduling.

**Lower Maintenance:** Turf fields require less maintenance than natural grass fields. They don't need mowing, fertilizing, or irrigation, which reduces ongoing costs and labor.

**Consistency:** Turf fields provide a consistent playing surface, ensuring that athletes can perform at their best. In contrast, natural grass fields can develop uneven terrain and divots over time.

**Extended Play Season:** Turf fields can be used year-round, even in regions with harsh winters. Natural grass fields often become dormant or require extensive maintenance during the off-season.

**Water Conservation:** Turf fields don't require regular watering, which can be crucial in areas with water scarcity or drought conditions.

**Cost Savings Over Time:** While the initial installation of turf can be expensive, it can lead to cost savings over time due to reduced maintenance and fewer game cancellations.

**Accessibility:** Turf fields are more accessible to people with disabilities, as they provide a smooth, even surface that is easier to navigate with wheelchairs or mobility aids. This is especially important for our handicapped students during PE classes, field days, and events.

**Customization:** Turf fields can be customized with specific colors, logos, and markings for various sports, enhancing the overall aesthetics of the field.