

Winter Parent Meeting 11-8-23

Dexter Athletics Winter Parent Meeting.

If you are new to Dexter athletics “welcome”, if you have been involved prior we welcome you back and are excited for the 2023-2024 winter sports seasons to begin.

My name is Mike Baveineau and I have been the Director of Athletics for Dexter Community Schools for the past 13 years and have been a part of Dexter Schools for over 30 years.

Our department consists of myself and Kelly King the assistant athletics director. Kelly comes to us with a great deal of experience for the collegiate level and has been a great addition to our department.

You can find our information on the next slide.

Our Mission:

The Dexter Athletic Department considers athletics to be an integral part of the Dexter learning community and thus follows and honors the Dexter Community Schools overall institutional mission.

Our commitment to excellence implies that the Dexter Athletic Department will provide exemplary leadership, appropriate facilities, and support services to allow its student-athletes to compete at the highest interscholastic competition level and reach their educational and athletic objectives.

Winter Sports Registration

This school year we have explored new technologies and programs to help us be more efficient and provide better service for our families and programs. This winter we will be registering all student-athletes via Student Central which is part of our Big Teams to help us with this process.

If you look at the athletic page at:

<https://www.dexterschools.org/departments/athletics>

You will find instructions to begin the registration process.

First, you must create an account

You will then be able to upload your physical digitally to us, no more paper copies to the athletic office.

Once the registration is complete, you will receive an invoice from Elyeo. This invoice needs to be paid by December 1st.

Annual Sports Physical

In order to try out for any DHS or MS athletic teams, each athlete is required to have a current physical dated after April 15th, 2023, or later. That physical will be good for the 2023-2024 school year.

Follow the instructions on uploading your physical to Student Central, once you have completed that you will receive a confirmation email.

Please before you upload, make sure every section is filled out and all signatures have been completed. Any physical that is not filled out completely will be returned.

Handbook Highlights

As part of BigTeams/Student Central, you will be asked to sign off on many handbook and school-related items. Please read these carefully.

A few we would like to highlight:

Student Athlete Attendance

- Students must attend all classes, all-day to be allowed to attend practice/games
- School attendance is a requirement to participate in extra-curricular athletics.
- Truancy: if determined by a school administrator could also put your student at risk for practice and game participation.

Academic Eligibility

- Student athlete must be passing 6 of their 8 classes to be eligible to participate in athletics. We consider two D's to equal one E. Any student with two E's will meet with the athletic director to determine their eligibility.
- Travel Cards are used for students who might be struggling with academics, this is a way for us to track their improvement and is their ticket to remain eligible to participate in athletic contests.
- Grade check take place monthly throughout the school year. Student-athletes and parents are encouraged to check PowerSchool often to make sure they are maintaining good academic standing.

Student Code of Conduct & Sportsmanship

- Substance Abuse will be strictly enforced
- Comments of any, ethnic, racial, or sexual in nature will not be tolerated.
- Student-athletes are held to a high standard. It is a privilege to represent your school, your teammate, and the Dexter Community.

Addressing An Athletic Concern

- Procedures and policies are outlined within the Dexter Community Schools Athletic Handbook.
- Always encourage your student-athlete to meet with their coach
- Adhere to the 24 hour rule
- Set up an appropriate time and place to discuss issues.
- Sports Roles
 - Coach-coach the team
 - Player-play the game
 - Referee-officiate the game
 - Spectator-watch the game & cheer for your team

Parents, please take a step back; let the coach do his/her job. Your kids won't play forever, so enjoy these moments, be proud, and know your role!

Athletic Training & Staff

We are fortunate to have two highly qualified and certified athletic trainers for the health and well-being of our student-athletes.

- Trainers need to be informed of all notable health concerns (IE: heart conditions, asthma, allergies etc?)
- All injuries should be reported as soon as possible to the training staff, especially any dealing with the head or neck.
- MedSport and our trainers work hand in hand to provide the best care for our student-athletes. Please use this great resource we have for Dexter athletes

Iron Dread Strength & Conditioning

- Dexter Athletics is fortunate to have a dedicated strength and condition program and class run by Chris Whitaker.
- Please click on the QR code to get more information about Iron Dread Strength and Conditioning.
- It has been a vital part of the success we have had on the field/court.

SEC Sportsmanship

- Our league has devoted time and resources to help with spectator expectations. You will see these signs displayed and ask you to adhere to the expectations we have for our athletes and spectators.
- Cheer for Dexter, not against our opponent.

Educational Athletics

Athletics Booster Club of Dexter

- This volunteer organization has over the years has contributed thousands of dollars to help support and enhance Dexter Athletics.
- To learn more about The ABCD of Dexter please click on the QR code and find a way to help this organization continue to contribute to their mission to strengthen our championship athletic program and to ensure all who want to play can.
- Parent support and activity is vital for the growth of ABCD

Winter seasons are right around the corner; if you have questions about a particular winter sport, please contact the coaches to get more information about the upcoming season.

Thank you for taking the time to view this and good luck to all our winter athletes. Our contact information is here please reach out with any questions.