



DEXTER SOUTHFIELD

"Our Best Today, Better Tomorrow"

School Profile 2018-2019

The School

- An independent, college preparatory day school serving 883 students in Pre-kindergarten through Class 12.
- Dexter School (founded in 1926) and Southfield School (founded in 1992) merged in 2013. Today, Dexter Southfield offers single-sex education in the lower school (Pre-K-Class 5); coordinate single-sex programs in the middle school (Classes 6-8); and co-education with single-sex program features in the upper school (Classes 9–12).
- In 2018, the upper school hosted its first coed graduation.
- The upper school enrolls 296 students from more than 65 communities in eastern Massachusetts.
- At Dexter Southfield, students develop their individual talents and build an ethical foundation for life. Students learn to lead with confidence and serve with compassion.
- An \$18 million building project including the new Kraft Fieldhouse, turf field and renovated baseball and softball fields was completed in 2018.

Academics

- A rigorous liberal arts curriculum with a commitment to character development, leadership, critical thinking, and creativity
- Standard course load: Five classes
- Class 11 students: **Limited to two AP courses**
- Class 12 students: **Advised to enroll in no more than three AP courses**
- Before 2018 honors courses were seldom available to Class 9 & 10 students

Graduation requirements

- English 4 years
- Lab Sciences 2 years (Biology, Chemistry, and/or Physics)
- Math 3 years (with Algebra II)
- History 2 years (with US History)
- Language 3 levels
- Fine Arts 2 semesters
- Performing Arts 2 semesters
- Ethics 1 semester
- **Public Speaking** – Students learn to speak and write effectively by preparing and delivering a public address to fellow students, faculty, and administrators once a year.
- **Ethics and Community Service** – Class 9 students enroll in a one-semester Ethics course. All students must complete at least 40 hours of community service prior to graduation.
- **Senior Projects Program** – Students explore passions or new areas of interest through a “real-world” experience; the two-week internship or independent study completed off-campus connects students to the community.

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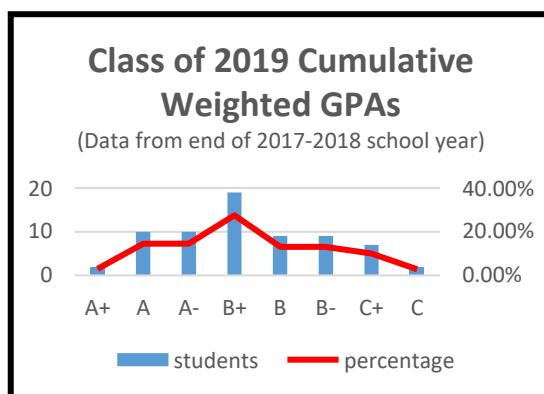
2018-2019 Fast Facts

- 67 seniors
- Highest weighted GPA for the Class of 2019: 4.42
- 13 AP courses
- 21 Honors courses
- 100% of students matriculate to four-year colleges after graduation
- Students are not ranked
- As a policy, the school does not disclose student discipline to colleges. If the school decides that a student’s standing at Dexter Southfield is in doubt because of his or her actions, the school will inform colleges.

GPA Grading Scale

A student's cumulative weighted GPA is inclusive of all grades earned through the last completed school year.

LETTER GRADE	NUMBER VALUE	LETTER GRADE	NUMBER VALUE
A+	(4.30-4.42)	C+	(2.30-2.69)
A	(4.00-4.29)	C	(2.00-2.29)
A-	(3.70-3.99)	C-	(1.70--1.99)
B+	(3.30-3.69)	D+	(1.30-1.69)
B	(3.00-3.29)	D	(1.00-1.29)
B-	(2.70-2.99)	D-	(0.70-0.99)



Note: *The end-of-year GPA is given one additional point for Honors and AP Courses* (see bolded courses below). Individual grades are not weighted. Dexter Southfield *does not* furnish an unweighted GPA.

Academic Honors: Students who achieve an average grade of B+ (with no grade lower than a B-) for their courses

High Academic Honors: Students who achieve an average grade of A- or above (with no grade lower than a B-) for their courses will receive the distinction of Academic High Honors.

Academic Courses

ENGLISH	HISTORY	MATH	SCIENCE
American Drama (12)	Ancient World History (9)	Algebra I	AP Biology
American Literature (11)	Ancient World Hist. Honors (9)*	Algebra II	AP Chemistry
Amer. Literature & Comp (11)	AP Economics (12)	Algebra II Honors	Astronomy
AP English Language (11)	AP U.S. History (11)	Algebra II with Applications	Biology
AP English Literature (12)	Constitutional Law (12)	AP Calculus AB	Biology Honors
British Gothic Novel (12)	History of Boston (12)	AP Calculus BC	Chemistry
Creative Writing (12)	Modern Conflicts (12)	AP Computer Science	Chemistry Accelerated
Forbidden Fiction: Censorship (12)	Modern World History (10)	AP Statistics	Chemistry Honors
Individual in Society (10)	U.S. History (11)	Calculus I	Forensic Science
Individual in Society Honors (10)	U.S. History 1	Calculus II	Marine Biology
Literary Study (9)	Women in Amer. History (12)	Discrete Math	MEDScience
Literary Study Honors (9) *		Geometry	MEDScience Lab
Literature and Social Justice (12)		Geometry Honors	Neuroscience
Senior Literature & Comp (12)		Geometry with Applications	Physics Accelerated
The Travelogue in Literature (12)		Pre-Calculus Honors	Physics Honors
		Pre-Calculus with Applications	STEM: Digital Electronics
		Problem Solving	STEM: Engineering Design
		Statistics	STEM: Myth Busters
CLASSICS	SPANISH	FRENCH	ETHICS
AP Latin	AP Spanish Language	AP French Language	Ethics
History of Greco-Roman Myth	Spanish I	French I	
History of Rome through Arch	Spanish II	French II	
Latin I	Spanish II Honors	French II Honors	
Latin II	Spanish III	French III	
Latin II Honors	Spanish III Honors	French III Honors	
Latin III	Spanish IV Honors	French IV Honors	
Latin III Honors	Spanish V Honors	French V Honors	
Latin Literature Honors I			*Course was not available for students in the Class of 2019

Standardized Test Scores

	<u>Class of 2018 (Senior Year)</u>	<u>Class of 2019 (Junior Year)</u>
SAT Mid 50%	600-680 EBRW	560-650 EBRW
	560-710 Math	565-685 Math
ACT Mid 50% Composite	25-30	25-31

Signature Programs

Clay Center for Science and Technology – An international research and state-of-the-art astronomical observatory and learning center where select students are chosen to work with faculty on independent projects or research in the physical sciences in collaboration with colleges, universities, and national organizations, including MIT, Olin College and NASA.

MEDScience: A one-semester innovative science program at Harvard Medical School that combines hands-on ER-simulated case studies and complex classroom lessons about human life. Enrollment in the course for Class 11 and 12 students is competitive.

MIT Media Lab Space Exploration Initiative – In fall 2018, eight select students will partner with MIT and other Boston-area high school students to design, build, test, and launch a satellite that will be flown into space to observe Earth and take climate data. The program will serve as a test-bed for plans to scale satellite building efforts nationally and internationally. Participation in the program is competitive.

Museum of Fine Arts Boston Docent Program: Students in Classes 10-12 who are interested in art may apply and interview for the Docent Training Program. After a series of training sessions at the Museum of Fine Arts, students are qualified to educate younger students and provide “insider” tours of art. Entry to the program is competitive.

Athletic Achievements

- *Collegiate Athletes:* 17 students from the Class of 2018 were recruited to play collegiate athletics
- *2017-2018 New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) All-Stars:* 12 boys, 9 girls
- *2017-2018 Postseason Play:* 13 teams total

Boys’ Athletics:

- Varsity Baseball: NEPSAC Small School Champions for third consecutive year
- Varsity Basketball: Won the school’s first NEPSAC Class C Championship
- Varsity Hockey: Qualified for the NEPSAC Elite 8 and advanced to NEPSAC Semi-Finals
- Varsity Rowing: Qualified for the NEIRA championships

Girls’ Athletics:

- Varsity Basketball: Qualified for NEPSAC Semi-finals
- Varsity Rowing: Qualified for the NEIRA Championships

Girls’ and Boys’ Swim Team: Qualified for the New England Division III Swimming Championship (boys placed 6th overall; girls placed 4th overall). The team broke 19 of 22 school records in winter 2018, ending the season with a combined record of 12-2.

Visual and Performing Arts Achievements

- *The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards:* 10 students earned honors for outstanding artwork in 2018
- *Small Independent School Art League:* 4 students selected in 2018 to exhibit work in the annual show



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Sample of College Acceptances (not bolded) and Matriculations 2014-2018 (bolded)

American University (3)	King's College London	Temple University
Amherst College	Lehigh University (2)	Texas Christian University (2)
Arizona State University (2)	Lewis & Clark College (2)	Trinity College (14)
Babson College (8)	Longwood University	Tufts University (2)
Bard College (3)	Loyola University Chicago	Tulane University (2)
Bates College	Loyola University Maryland	Union College (3)
Baylor University	Marietta College	United States Military Academy (3)
Belmont University	Marist College	United States Naval Academy
Bentley University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Alabama
Berklee College of Music	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	University of Arizona
Boston College (14)	McGill University	University of California, Davis
Boston University (11)	Merrimack College	University of California, Los Angeles
Brandeis University (2)	Michigan State University	University of California, Santa Cruz
Bryant University (2)	Miami University (2)	University College London
Bucknell University	Monmouth University	University of Colorado, Boulder
Carleton University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Connecticut (3)
Carnegie Mellon University	New York University (2)	University of Denver
Catholic University of America (4)	North Carolina State University	University of Edinburgh
Chapman University	Northeastern University (8)	University of Maine
Colby College (4)	Northwestern University	University of Maryland, College Park
Colgate University (3)	Norwich University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst (3)
College of Charleston (2)	Occidental College	University of Massachusetts, Boston (2)
College of the Holy Cross (6)	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Massachusetts, Lowell (2)
Colorado School of Mines	Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami (6)
Connecticut College	Pepperdine University	University of Michigan
Cornell University (2)	Princeton University	University of New Hampshire (4)
Dartmouth College	Providence College (8)	University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Davidson College	Purdue University	University of Notre Dame
Denison University	Queen's University	University of Oxford
Dickinson College	Quinnipiac University	University of the Pacific
Drexel University	Reed College	University of Pennsylvania
Duke University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)	University of Richmond
Elon University (4)	Rhode Island School of Design	University of San Diego
Emerson College	Rhodes College	University of San Francisco
Emory University	Roanoke College	University of South Carolina (2)
Endicott College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Southern California
Fairfield University	Roger Williams University (4)	University of St Andrews (2)
Fordham University (4)	Rollins College	University of Tampa
Franklin & Marshall College	Ryerson University (Canada)	University of Texas, Austin
Franklin Pierce University	Saint Anselm College (6)	University of Toronto
Furman University	Saint Michael's College (3)	University of Vermont (2)
Georgetown University (2)	Salve Regina University	University of Virginia
George Washington University (3)	Santa Clara University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Georgia Institute of Technology	Sarah Lawrence College	Vanderbilt University
Gettysburg College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Villanova University
Hamilton College	Simmons College	Virginia Tech
Harvard College (8)	Skidmore College (2)	Wake Forest University
High Point University (4)	Smith College	Washington and Lee University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (4)	St. John's College	Washington University in St. Louis (2)
Ithaca College	St. Lawrence University (3)	Wentworth Institute of Technology (3)
Indiana University, Bloomington	State University of New York, Albany	Wesleyan University
Johns Hopkins University (2)	Stetson University	Williams College
Johnson & Wales University	Suffolk University (4)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
Kenyon College (2)	Syracuse University (6)	