



# 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**

### 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

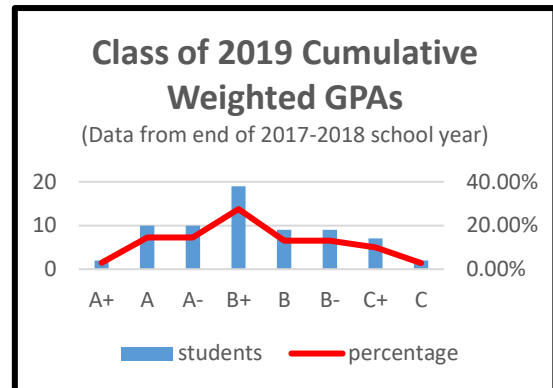
- 67 seniors
- Highest weighted GPA for the Class of 2019: 4.42
- 13 AP courses
- 21 Honors courses
- 100% of students matriculate to four-year colleges after graduation
- Students are not ranked
- Suspensions and expulsions will be reported to colleges

School Memberships & Accreditation:  
 NAIS, AISNE, NACAC, BISCCA, ACCIS  
 New England Association of Schools  
 and 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	<b>AP Biology</b>
American Literature (11)	<b>Ancient World Hist. Honors</b> (9)	Algebra II	<b>AP Chemistry</b>
Amer. Literature & Comp (11)	<b>AP Economics</b> (12)	<b>Algebra II Honors</b>	Astronomy
<b>AP English Language</b> (11)	<b>AP U.S. History</b> (11)	Algebra II with Applications	Biology
<b>AP English Literature</b> (12)	Constitutional Law (12)	<b>AP Calculus AB</b>	<b>Biology Honors</b>
British Gothic Novel (12)	History of Boston (12)	<b>AP Calculus BC</b>	Chemistry
Creative Writing (12)	Modern Conflicts (12)	<b>AP Computer Science</b>	Chemistry Accelerated
Forbidden Fiction: Censorship (12)	Modern World History (10)	<b>AP Statistics</b>	<b>Chemistry Honors</b>
Individual in Society (10)	U.S. History (11)	Calculus I	Forensic Science
<b>Individual in Society Honors</b> (10)	U.S. History 1	Calculus II	Marine Biology
Literary Study (9)	Women in Amer. History (12)	Discrete Math	MEDScience
<b>Literary Study Honors</b> (9)		Geometry	MEDScience Lab
Literature and Social Justice (12)		<b>Geometry Honors</b>	Neuroscience
Senior Literature & Comp (12)		Geometry with Applications	Physics Accelerated
The Travelogue in Literature (12)		<b>Pre-Calculus Honors</b>	<b>Physics Honors</b>
		Pre-Calculus with Applications	STEM: Digital Electronics
		Problem Solving	STEM: Engineering Design
		Statistics	STEM: Myth Busters
CLASSICS	SPANISH	FRENCH	ETHICS
<b>AP Latin</b>	<b>AP Spanish Language</b>	<b>AP French Language</b>	Ethics
History of Greco-Roman Myth	Spanish I	French I	
History of Rome through Arch	Spanish II	French II	
Latin I	<b>Spanish II Honors</b>	<b>French II Honors</b>	
Latin II	Spanish III	French III	
<b>Latin II Honors</b>	<b>Spanish III Honors</b>	<b>French III Honors</b>	
Latin III	<b>Spanish IV Honors</b>	<b>French IV Honors</b>	
<b>Latin III Honors</b>	<b>Spanish V Honors</b>	<b>French V Honors</b>	
<b>Latin Literature Honors I</b>			

## Standardized Test Scores

	<u>Class of 2018 (Senior Year)</u>	<u>Class of 2019 (Junior Year)</u>
<b>SAT Mid 50%</b>	600-680 EBRW	560-650 EBRW
	560-710 Math	565-685 Math
<b>ACT Mid 50% Composite</b>	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: NESPAC 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 6<sup>th</sup> overall; girls placed 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

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