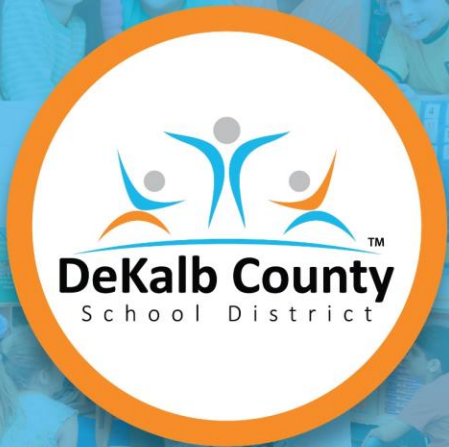


DCSD Elementary Athletics

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Vision and Mission

- Vision
 - Our vision is to create a strong, inclusive sports community where every student is inspired to participate, grow, and achieve their personal best—on and off the field. We envision a program that nurtures lifelong appreciation for physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship, helping students develop the skills and mindset needed for a well-balanced and fulfilling educational experience.
- Mission
 - Our mission is to provide elementary students with a strong, well-rounded sports program that promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and personal growth. Through diverse athletic opportunities, we aim to develop healthy habits, build confidence, and teach the values of discipline, respect, and collaboration. Our program complements academic learning by fostering a balanced lifestyle and preparing students for successful matriculation into middle and high school sports programs, where they can continue to grow as athletes and leaders.

Benefits of Elementary Athletics

- Academic
- Social and Emotional
- Character Development
- Health and Wellness
- Access and Opportunity
- School Climate
- Long Term Development



Austin Elementary 2025 Overall Track Champions

DCSD Elementary Sports Offered 24-26

Fall

Track

Soccer

Winter

Basketball

Competitive Dance

Spring

Flag Football



Program Foci

- **Year 1:**
 - **Build Awareness of the Program**
 - **Reduce Barriers to Participation**
 - **Establish Teams Across Schools**
- **Year 2:**
 - **Expand School Participation**
 - **Grow Student Engagement**
 - **Develop an Evaluation Framework**



School Participation Data 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

Sports	2024-2025	2025-2026
Track	65/77 (84%)	68/77 (88%) ↑
Soccer	59/77 (77%)	71/77 (92%) ↑
Competitive Dance	39/77 (51%)	59/77 (77%) ↑
Basketball	61/77 (79%)	TBD
Flag Football	63/77 (82%)	TBD

Participation Rate of Schools by Area 2024-2026

(Area Breakdown)

Sport	Area 1 (17 Schools)		Area 2 (16 Schools)		Area 3 (11 Schools)		Area Specialty (9 Schools)		Area Horizon (24 Schools)	
	24-25	25-26	24-25	25-26	24-25	25-26	24-25	25-26	24-25	25-26
Track	12 (71%)	17 (100%)	15 (94%)	12 (75%)	10 (91%)	9 (82%)	7 (78%)	8 (89%)	21 (88%)	22 (92%)
Soccer	13 (76%)	17 (100%)	14 (88%)	14 (88%)	9 (82%)	10 (91%)	5 (56%)	9 (100%)	18 (75%)	21 (88%)
Competitive Dance	8 (47%)	14 (82%)	8 (50%)	9 (56%)	8 (73%)	10 (91%)	2 (22%)	7 (78%)	13 (54%)	19 (79%)
Basketball	13 (76%)	TBD	13 (81%)	TBD	10 (91%)	TBD	5 (56%)	TBD	20 (83%)	TBD
Flag Football	12 (71%)	TBD	12 (75%)	TBD	11 (100%)	TBD	6 (67%)	TBD	22 (92%)	TBD

Student Participation Data 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

Sport	2024-2025	2025-2026
Track	782	1203 ↑
Soccer	932	1278 ↑
Competitive Dance	213	700 ↑
Basketball	942	TBD
Flag Football	649	TBD

Participation by Gender 2024-2026

Sports	Female		Male	
	24-25	25-26	24-25	25-26
Track	263	646	519	557
Soccer	184	407	748	871
Competitive Dance	202	679	11	21
Basketball	289	TBD	653	TBD
Flag Football	215	TBD	434	TBD

Participation Data By Grade Level 2025-2026

Sport	4th Grade	5th Grade	Total
Track	600	603	1,203
Soccer	627	651	1,278
Competitive Dance	340	360	700

Summary Highlights

	Student Participation	School Participation
Track	54% Increase	5% Increase
Soccer	37% Increase	20% Increase
Competitive Dance	229% Increase	51% Increase



Coaches Data 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

Sports	2024-2025	2025-2026
Track	132	136 ↑
Soccer	118	142 ↑
Competitive Dance	39	59 ↑
Basketball	122	TBD
Flag Football	128	TBD

Testimonials

- I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the implementation of the athletics department, particularly as it is reflected in our elementary schools. I am thrilled that my daughter had the opportunity to participate in track and field..... Seeing the enthusiasm of the scholars at Redan Elementary School was truly inspiring. The energy and excitement among the students reflect the positive impact of this initiative. As we pause to say thank you, I want to acknowledge that you are moving in the right direction. Let us continue to support and elevate this program to the highest level possible.

-Calvin Holland, parent at Redan ES

- I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for the wonderful athletics program offered at the elementary level. My daughter participated in every sport available this year, and each experience has been incredibly meaningful for her. She has grown not only in her athletic abilities but also in her confidence, responsibility, and determination. We are so grateful for the time, effort, and encouragement the coaches and staff provide. Your dedication creates an environment where students feel supported, challenged, and excited to try new things. Thank you for giving her opportunities that have helped shape her character and strengthen her love for being active.

-Taheisha Caraballo, parent at Barack Obama



Testimonials



- My wife and I are so happy with the elementary athletics offerings. They have helped our son develop his social skills, grow stronger physically, and learn the value of teamwork and being a contributing team member. We are truly grateful for the positive impact these programs have had on his confidence and overall well-being.

-Corrie Collier, parent at Narvie J. Harris, Gwinnett County Asst. Athletic Director

- My son has really enjoyed playing sports for his school via the DeKalb County elementary sports program. Not only has he built confidence and new friendships, he has been given the chance to try new sports that wouldn't have been possible otherwise. He loved seeing his teachers, classmates and principal support the team and the games, and it has generated camaraderie throughout the school. We are grateful for this experience and the amazing coaches who have dedicated their time to building well-rounded students.

-Katie Lopez, parent at Sagamore ES



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