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## DENBY HIGH SCHOOL

# Catalog of Extracurricular Opportunities

### EDWIN DENBY HIGH SCHOOL

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This catalog is designed to provide students and parents with the most updated information about Denby High School's extracurricular opportunities. This year, we are excited to offer a variety of clubs, activities and organizations that will both interest our students and enrich their learning. As part of our vision to "inspire urban innovators," we strive to develop our students as well-rounded individuals who will use their myriad talents for the betterment of themselves, their school and their community.

Please be also reminded that all 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students MUST register for one club, sport or other extracurricular activity. This is a graduation requirement for all students beginning the class of 2017.

To sign up for clubs and activities, please contact the appropriate teachers or sponsors for more information. Each student's advisory teacher will assist students to register for their clubs. Please contact Mr. Jonathan Hui (jhui@detroitdenby.org), the Student and Community Initiatives Coordinator, for more information.

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## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>Yearbook / School News</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Everett	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:meverett@detroitdenby.org">meverett@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Thursdays 3:15 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 214
<i>Club Description:</i>	Yearbook allows students to creatively capture and showcase their high school memories while learning how to publish them in a professional manner. It builds skills such as caption writing, story writing, interviewing, picture-taking, layouts and design.		

<b>Denby Debate Team</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Mr. Pavel	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:rpavel@detroitdenby.org">rpavel@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Thursdays 3:15 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 308
<i>Club Description:</i>	The Denby Debate Team brings together students with an interest in competitive public speaking and debate. If you are interested in developing your public speaking skills and arguing capabilities, come check out one of our weekly meetings.		

<b>National Honor Society</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Flippen	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:bflippen@detroitdenby.org">bflippen@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Thursdays 3:15 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 216
<i>Club Description:</i>	<p>The objective of the Denby High School chapter of NHS is to recognize and foster enthusiasm for scholarship, to promote the development of strong character, to encourage positive leadership, and to cultivate responsible citizenship through service to school and community. These four principles shape the organization's activities and are reflected in the members' responsibilities.</p> <p>**Students wishing to join NHS must fill out an application and undergo an interview and academic evaluation process. 3.2 cumulative GPA required.</p>		

<b>Denby Elite Mentors</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Thomas	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:athomas@detroitdenby.org">athomas@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Mondays 3:20 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 312
<i>Club Description:</i>	The mentors are made up of 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade students who have obtained a cumulative GPA of 2.6 or higher. The mentoring program at Denby was established to give underclassmen guidance throughout their high school years as well as preparing them for a brighter future. The mentors seek to set a big brother/big sister atmosphere and help in making a positive impact on the lives of all students. It is our mission to guide students to a successful and promising future by helping them improve and maintain academic standing, gain or enhance self-confidence, and help students build leadership abilities.		

<b>Robotics</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Mr. Wood and Mr. Perri	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:twood@detroitdenby.org">twood@detroitdenby.org</a> <a href="mailto:nperri@detroitdenby.org">nperri@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	TBA	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	TBA
<i>Club Description:</i>	Ever wondered what it takes to make a robot? The Denby Robotics Team is looking for excited, interested individuals to join our team. Last year we won the "Rookie Inspiration Award" at a competition and are planning on working hard to do even better this year!		

<b>Scrabble Club</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Maxwell-Stansberry	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:mmaxwellstansberry@detroitdenby.org">mmaxwellstansberry@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 206
<i>Club Description:</i>	The Scrabble Club will offer opportunities for students to come together to enhance their knowledge of words. Skills that we will work on as participants of this club include spelling, vocabulary development, math skills, dictionary skills, spatial skills, thinking skills, cooperative learning, and social/personal relationships. It is highly anticipated that students notice how much they are learning while playing games!		

<b>Glam Squad</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. McLemore Ms. Melton	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:lmclmore@detroitdenby.org">lmclmore@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Tues, Weds, Thurs @ 3:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 120
<i>Club Description:</i>	The Glam Squad is a multi-disciplinary dance team at Denby High School. It accepts members of all grade levels and performs primarily during halftime at basketball home games in addition to various special events, such as pep rallies. We rehearse regularly (3-4 times a week) in the study of hip-hop, jazz, and modern dance, in an effort to bring in a variety of influences. Above all, we require three things: determination, passion and commitment. The rest we will build as a team of dancers, all committed to the same art.		

<b>Christian Club / Bible Study</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Whitt	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:twhitt@detroitdenby.org">twhitt@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Thursdays 3:15 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 310
<i>Club Description:</i>	This club is for all students that are interested in exploring the Christian faith. We will study scriptures from the Bible, and discussing how the Christian faith impacts our lives as students. Students will come together in community to learn about their faith, and the role of their faith as a student, a member of their family and of this community. Students of all faith backgrounds are welcome!		

<b>DECA</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Rogers	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:trogers@detroitdenby.org">trogers@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	TBA	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 320
<i>Club Description:</i>	<p>DECA is an international student organization preparing students for college and careers in business and marketing-related fields. DECA members can become:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academically prepared for college and careers in marketing, finance, hospitality or management</li> <li>- Community-oriented by gaining an appreciation for the benefits of service and their potential impact on the community and world</li> <li>- Professionally responsible with ethics, integrity and high standards</li> <li>- Experienced leaders by practicing key leadership skills such as goal-setting, consensus-building and project management</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>DECA members benefit from activities in DECA's Comprehensive Learning Program, which will enable them to participate in competitions and win prizes for their team.</p> <p><b>**Students must be enrolled in the Entrepreneurship class to be eligible for DECA</b></p>		

<b>Sports Fan Club</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Mr. Harzula	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:rharzula@detroitdenby.org">rharzula@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Mondays 3:15 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 219
<i>Club Description:</i>	<p>This club is for sports fans who want to come together to watch highlights and to analyze the latest trends in sports. We will watch game highlights of the week and discuss the performances of players, team strategies, and prospects for sports teams. All are welcome!</p>		

<b>Movie Appreciation Club</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Mr. Olshock	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:jolshock@detroitdenby.org">jolshock@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 222
<i>Club Description:</i>	<p>This club is for movie buffs that want to watch movies and discuss them. We will watch one movie every other week and spend some time discussing the plot and character development. All movie ideas and suggestions are welcome!</p>		

<b>Interact (Community Service) Club</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Taylor	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:itaylor@detroitdenby.org">itaylor@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 220
<i>Club Description:</i>	<p>Interact aims to provide members of the Denby community ample opportunities to engage in a variety of hands-on service activities across Metro Detroit.</p>		

<b>Poetry Club</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Scafone	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:escafone@detroitdenby.org">escafone@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	TBA	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 301B
<i>Club Description:</i>	Poetry Club is for students who are poetry enthusiasts. You may want to attend just to read and/or hear poems written by contemporary professional poets. You may like to write poetry and, if so, Poetry Club will be a place to share your poems. We will also explore venues/forums for publishing your poems and/or entering poetry contests. So, if you love reading, listening to, or writing poetry (or all of the above), Poetry Club is for you! We will be focusing on Performance Poetry (slam poetry) so students who rap should also attend meetings. Planned to mentor and work with the group are published poets from City Wide Poets, a slam poetry team that is funded through Inside Out and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Meeting times are to be decided. Poetry Club will start in October, please listen for announcements.		

<b>Glee Club / Choir</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	TBA	<i>Staff Email:</i>	TBA
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	TBA	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Auditorium
<i>Club Description:</i>	The Glee Club is open to all students that have an interest in vocal performance. We welcome students with all backgrounds and levels of experience who want to learn and sing a variety of genres of songs, performing at various venues as representatives of the school. This club will be led by Denby alumni and student leaders; please contact Mr. Hui to sign up while details are being finalized.		

<b>Chess Club</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Mr. Turner	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:kturner@detroitdenby.org">kturner@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Mondays/Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:30pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 302
<i>Club Description:</i>	All interested in learning about and playing chess, please join the club! We will meet regularly to learn the craft and participate in state and national tournaments to become the best of the best! Join the club to earn a chance to represent Denby, and possibly even making it to San Diego, California for the national tournament!		

<b>Science Fair</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Kay	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:gkay@detroitdenby.org">gkay@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> Hour Daily	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 313
<i>Club Description:</i>	This club is for all students interested in science and scientific experiments. We will be doing experiments, research, hands-on activities and projects, culminating in competitions where we show off our knowledge of science and our findings in scientific projects. You get to choose your project and show off what you know!		

<b>JROTC</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Sgt. Major Robinson	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:wrobinson@detroitdenby.org">wrobinson@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Daily during class	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Varies
<i>Club Description:</i>	JROTC is the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, where junior cadets are trained in leadership development, civic engagement, citizen responsibility and community participation. Cadets are held accountable to the highest standards and are expected to serve as leaders of the corps.		

<b>Business Professionals of America</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Gamlin	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:tgamlin@detroitdenby.org">tgamlin@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> Hour Daily	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Room 201
<i>Club Description:</i>	BPA is for all students that are interested in learning about business and how to compete in a competitive business environment. Students will participate in seminars, work experience and competitions on different business-related topics. Students will also earn the chance to compete for scholarships based on their school and community participation.		

<b>Book Club</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Cole	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:kcole@detroitdenby.org">kcole@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Once a month; TBA	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Parent Room
<i>Club Description:</i>	This is for serious book-readers who love reading all types of books and discussing them afterwards. We will meet once a month to discuss the readings, and will come together to talk about character and plot development, and different issues brought out by the book.		

<b>Denby Pride Pep Squad</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Blanding	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:cblanding@detroitdenby.org">cblanding@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Weekly 3:30-5:00pm	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Senior Dining Hall
<i>Club Description:</i>	The pep squad's main duty is to promote school spirit. Pep squad members make posters, cheer for school sports teams, and help with pep rallies. Students will be responsible for pumping up the crowd at games, and special activities. They will represent Denby at community events with positive Denby pride and school spirit.		

<b>Math Olympiad</b>			
<i>Staff Advisor:</i>	Ms. Burleson	<i>Staff Email:</i>	<a href="mailto:lburleson@detroitdenby.org">lburleson@detroitdenby.org</a>
<i>Meeting Times:</i>	Once a month; TBA	<i>Meeting Location:</i>	Parent Room
<i>Club Description:</i>			

# ATHLETICS / TEAM SPORTS

Please contact Mr. Ivan King, Athletic Director, at [iking@detroitdenby.org](mailto:iking@detroitdenby.org) for more information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPORTS: GPA 1.67, updated athletic physical on file and fall within transfer eligibility (when applicable)

## JV & Varsity Football

Gender: Male

Season: Fall

Season Dates: August through November

Coach Names: Tony Blankenship (varsity)  
& Bobby Simes (JV)

## JV & Varsity Volleyball

Gender: Female

Season: Fall

Season Dates: August through November

Coach Names: Brittany Williams (varsity)  
& Samantha Jones (JV)

## JV & Varsity Cross Country

Season: Fall

Season Dates: August through November

Coach Names: Arnette Jordan (Boys) &  
Eldridge Rias (JV)

## Golf

Season: Fall (Girls) & Spring (Boys)

Season Dates: August through November  
(Girls) April through June (Boys)

Coach Names: Earl Moore (Girls & Boys)

## Tennis

Season: Fall (Males) & Spring (Females)

Season Dates: August through November  
(Boys) & April through June (Girls)

Coach Names: Natosha Kennebrew (Boys &  
Girls)

## JV & Varsity Men's Basketball

Season: Winter

Season Dates: December through March

Coach Names: Arnette Jordan

## JV & Varsity Women's Basketball

Season: Winter

Season Dates: December through March

Head Coach: Marnina Sullivan

## Varsity Softball

Gender: Female

Season: Spring

Season Dates: April through June

Coach Names: Ivan King

## Varsity Baseball

Gender: Male

Season: Spring

Season Dates: April through June

Coach Names: Jay Haffner

## Varsity Track & Field

Gender: Male & Female

Season: Spring

Season Dates: April through June

Coach Names: Erik Thompson (Girls) &  
Tony Blankenship (Boys)

## Cheerleading

Gender: Female

Season Dates: September through March

Coaches: Ms. T. Gamlin & Ms. D. Proby