



Deneen School of Excellence

Curricular Enhancement Programs

Athletic Program

The mission of our athletic program is to offer student-athletes, through participation in competitive athletics, an opportunity to experience meaningful growth, accomplishment, and success. As a Deneen Bulldog student-athlete you are a positive role model within our school and the community at large. As a student-athlete at our school, your sportsmanship goals should include:

- Maintaining at least a C+ in all classes, attend school daily, and exhibit positive behavior;
- Respecting the rules of the games, the officials who administer the rules, and their decisions;
- Respecting our opponents as fellow student-athletes,
- Refraining from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior
- Looking at athletic participation as a potentially beneficial learning experience, whether you win or lose;
- Educating other students and fans to understand the rules of the game, and the value of sportsmanship.

Football-New season brought a focused and more disciplined energy; last year students won 1 game. This year lost only the first and last game which was Division Playoff. Students were more disciplined with attending practice, honored the same focus during the school day, and built positive relationships as a team. As the games continued the parent support increased. We averaged at minimum 20 parents per game which energized parents to become involved in the school. We were fortunate to be able to practice on loan the field across from the school that ALDI owns. Now that the property is up for sale, there is a question of usage by our student-athletes for the spring. It would be beneficial for all of our student-athletes as well as our Physical Education program if we were able to acquire that space and modify for our benefit. The closest practice field for our student-athletes if we were not allowed to practice on that field any longer would be on 71st and King Drive.

Cheerleading/Step- Girls actively participated in every game. Girls were also in charge of putting together the concessions to support the purchase of water bottles and T-shirts. Next charge is fundraising for the purchase of Cheer Uniforms. Very pleased with the dedication of the girls as football season is not competition season for the girls cheer and step teams.

Volleyball-Girls teams practiced hard got into a good rhythm and made it to the Conference Playoffs. Both 5th/6th & 7th/8th teams ended with a great season.

Basketball-Current season; both girls and boys teams have been practicing and preparing for their first games of the season. Eagerly anticipating the AUSL basketball tournament to showcase our talent and also foresee a great CPS season!

Baseball- Boys team competed strong but did not win any games last year. We are looking to improve upon that and come away with at least a .500 season this year.

Track/Boys Volleyball - Did not compete last year due to lack of staff to coach but am anticipating an excellent season. Students have shown a strong interest in both of these sports upcoming for the spring.