

Facilities Facts

To help inform the Elmbrook community on high school facilities topics.

Limited Facilities a Bottleneck for Athletics/Phy. Ed.

“Brookfield East athletic facilities are sorely inadequate as all indoor practices have only one gym available to them or must be moved off-site to elementary and middle schools”

—Corey Golla
Athletic and Activities
Director, Brookfield East

Indoor Athletic Facilities Needs and Impacts on Practice Schedules

- Brookfield East has a single gymnasium, a weight room, and a swimming pool yet has 10 athletic teams that still need indoor facilities space during the winter season. Impacts are the struggle to find off-site practice space, transportation for off-site practice, athletic director supervision of coaches at multiple locations, and students practicing as late as 9pm on school nights. The late practice times could be addressed by added gym space to enable student practices to end before 7pm and community recreation access to start as early as 7pm. The earlier practices would provide added time for student homework and rest.
- Space deficiencies in physical education at Brookfield East include the lack of a physical education classroom, two fewer gym stations than are needed, an outdated pool area, no aerobics area, and only group showers. Such needs could be addressed through renovation and additions.
- Brookfield Central has a gymnasium, auxiliary gymnasium, weight room on a balcony, and a swimming pool. Given the cumulative weight of equipment, the balcony is intended as a temporary location for the weight room yet there is no other location for it. While Central has an auxiliary gymnasium, impacts are similar to those described for East of finding space for 10 athletic teams to practice each winter season.
- Space deficiencies in physical education at Central include the lack of a physical education classroom, one less gym station than needed, an outdated pool area, no aerobics area, group showers, and poor locker areas. Such needs could be addressed through renovation and additions as needed.

Outdoor Needs and Community Partnerships

- The outdoor athletic facilities at Brookfield East have benefited from the partnership between parent support group **East 2000 & Beyond** and the district. For example, the stadium is among the best in the area for football and track. Plans are approved to complete it with a concession stand and permanent indoor restroom facility. Improvements to baseball and softball diamonds are needed.
- Brookfield Central is implementing a partnership between a parent support group **BC²** and the district. The first project is construction of a multi-purpose field on the football stadium site. The field will feature synthetic turf, facilitate football and track, return soccer games to the Brookfield Central campus and be used for physical education, marching band and other activities. Like *East 2000 & Beyond*, the **BC²** group has several other outdoor athletic facilities improvements projected for the future.
- Elmbrook community members have expressed interest in the use of improved, future indoor high school athletic facilities during the hours following student practices, to include specialized pool use by the Elmbrook Swim Club.

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