

New England Innovation Academy Begins New Era of Athletics For Marlborough Turf Field Opening This Fall

MARLBOROUGH, Mass., [September 4, 2025] — Excitement is building, literally, at <u>New England Innovation Academy (NEIA)</u> as construction progresses on a state-of-the-art athletics facility that is set to open in spring 2026. The NEIA Athletic Center will put training, play, and wellness under one roof for the school and will be an asset for the Marlborough, MA community.

When cleats meet the new field this fall, NEIA will debut its high school regulation outdoor turf field, giving their student-athletes an elite surface for practices and competitions in sports including soccer and lacrosse. NEIA will also partner with Mendon, MA-based New England Futbol Club (NEFC), who plans to utilize the turf as a training ground for their own club teams.

More than an upgrade for the NEIA Owls, the turf field is part of a bold commitment to student wellness and performance, as well as an open invitation and shared investment in the future of Middlesex County community life. "This turf field represents the beginning of a transformative new chapter for NEIA athletics," said Dr. Durga Suresh-Menon, Head of School. "It's an investment not only in facilities, but in our students, fueling their passion, strengthening our school community, and serving as a much-needed resource for the Marlborough region."

Beyond the outdoor field, the purpose-built Athletic Center will feature a state-of-the-art gym space with convertible high school and middle school courts, featuring 12 basketball hoops, locker rooms and a fully outfitted training room for strength and cardio. A raised walking track will overlook the action, while a light-filled fitness studio and multipurpose space will host everything from dance and yoga to theatre and after-school fitness classes.

For more information about NEIA's Athletic Center, check out <u>this</u> video and follow along at hello.neia on Instagram. Prospective families and students can tour the facility during NEIA's fall open house schedule. More information about the open house schedule can be found <u>here</u>.



About New England Innovation Academy

Located in Marlborough, MA, New England Innovation Academy is an independent college preparatory day and residential school for grades 7-12 where students discover their passions and purpose, innovate with impact, and prepare for what's next. Founded in 2021, NEIA received NEASC accreditation in its third year of operation and is SEVIS qualified to issue I-20 paperwork to international students. Graduates have been admitted to more than 130 colleges and universities around the world, earning more than \$16 million in merit scholarships in their first two graduating classes. More information at neiacademy.org.

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