

Blue Valley School District Chooses Synthetic Turf Made with TenCate Tapeslide™ XP

High school fields made with synthetic turf reduce maintenance costs and allows for greater use throughout the school year.

TenCate develops and produces materials that function to increase performance, reduce costs and deliver measurable results by working with our customers to provide advanced solutions.

THE CHALLENGE

The Blue Valley School District is located in Overland Park, a fast-growing suburb of Kansas City. The district includes five high schools, with another in the planning stages. Because of the district's projected continued growth, school budgets are scrutinized carefully.

The district athletic teams are among the top in the state, and school officials wanted a way to give their

student athletes the best possible facilities while being able to control costs. After analyzing the maintenance expenses for a natural turf field, the school district considered an alternative option – a high pile synthetic turf system.

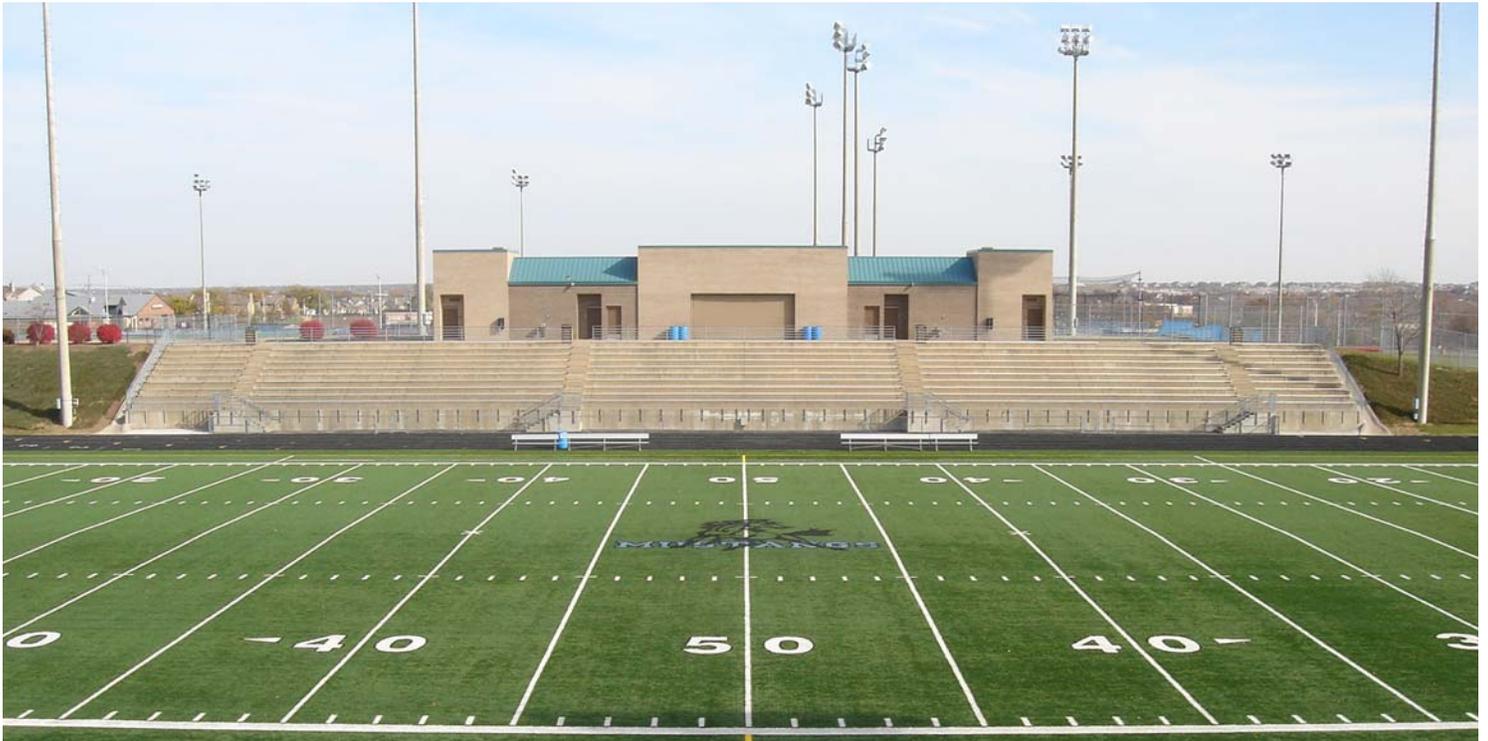
THE SOLUTION

After careful review, the Blue Valley School District decided to install two synthetic turf fields for the local schools to share. Both fields were installed by General Sports Venue and feature TenCate Tapeslide™ XP turf blades, the same grass fiber used by professional sports clubs, major colleges, and recreational sites worldwide. Such references gave district officials the

confidence that their athletes would have an exceptional quality playing surface.

TenCate Tapeslide™ XP turf blades make an extreme leap forward in synthetic turf durability. TenCate Tapeslide™ XP outlasts every other tape yarn and even most monofilament yarn. Because TenCate Tapeslide XP™ offers a consistent surface that does not require constant maintenance or upkeep, the district's fields can be used year-round for multiple sports. And all sport teams get the same quality field that allows them to perform at their best.

The TenCate Tapeslide XP™ fiber also allows each



The Blue Valley School District chose to install TenCate Tapeslide™ XP for each of its high schools to reduce maintenance costs and provide athletes with a quality playing surface.



Each Blue Valley District high school incorporates the school's mascot and colors, in a logo treatment that can be applied and removed without damaging the grass fiber.

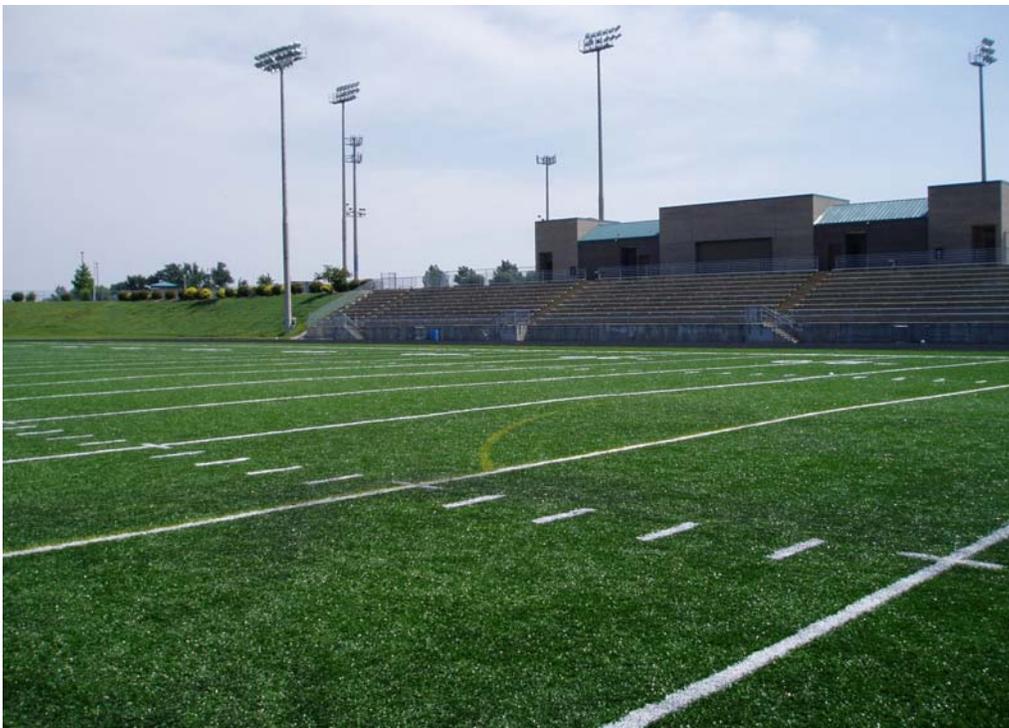
school to incorporate its logo into the field, using school colors. Because the fields are used by several different schools, no logos or school markings were inlaid in the turf. Each school has the option to paint its own logo in the center of the field, and the logos can be easily removed without harming the fiber.

THE PERFORMANCE

The fields in the Blue Valley School District began proving their value almost immediately. Athletes reported that they liked the surface and felt comfortable playing on it, while maintenance staff

could spend less time maintaining natural grass and more time concentrating on other tasks at the fast-growing facilities.

Due to the extremely high use and weather factors, the previous natural turf fields were always considered an eyesore. But now, even in the harshest summer and coldest winter weather (Kansas has both), the fields stay green and attractive. To learn more about TenCate and how synthetic grass is used in sports fields, golf, and landscape applications, visit www.tencate.com.



Football. Soccer. Band practice. The durability of TenCate Tapeslide XP™ allows almost constant use, without the cost of mowing, reseeding, watering and other maintenance.

Project Profile

Location

Blue Valley School District,
Overland Park, KS

Application

Multi-purpose high school
athletic fields

TenCate Partner

General Sports Venue

Product

TenCate Tapeslide™ XP

Grass Fiber: A Critical Component of The Synthetic Turf System

The 'heart' of any synthetic turf sports field is its playing surface. You can see it, feel it and experience it! TenCate is the world's leading developer and producer of high-quality synthetic grass fiber and backing components for sports surfacing applications. Our monofilament and fibrillated fibers are the most widely used products in the synthetic turf industry.

In fact, are over 200 million square meters of TenCate turf blades have been installed to date - more than all other synthetic fiber manufacturers combined. We are delighted to share our experience and knowledge with any organization considering the installation of a synthetic turf field.

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