

Franklin Middle School Parent Coffee

February 1, 2024



Welcome to the Franklin Family!



Today's Agenda



1. Welcome
2. Review of Course Selection Information
3. Review of Middle School Transition
4. Question and Answer Period





Academic Advising Process and Course Information

Academic Advising:



December

Counselor Visits to Elementary School

January 9th/10th

Visit Franklin and Student-Led Tours

January 17th

Franklin Curriculum Night & Electives Fair

February 2nd

Course Selections Due

March

Families can see course selections in SIS

Course Selection



<i>Health & PE</i>
<i>Falcon Time</i>
<i>English</i>
<i>Math</i>
<i>Science</i>
<i>History</i>
Elective 1
Elective 2

All students will take:

HPE and
Falcon Time

No decisions - all students enrolled

4 Core Classes

Will I take honors classes?

2-4
Electives
Classes

What electives will I take?
Will I take semester or year long
classes?

Standard vs Honors Courses



- The same state standards are covered in both courses
- Honors courses utilize extensions and explore topic with greater depth and complexity
- Open Enrollment is available for all Honors courses with the exception of Algebra 1 Honors



**INCREASE
RIGOR**



**DEVELOP
EXPERTISE**



**MODIFY
STRUCTURE
OR PACE**



**ENCOURAGE
INDEPENDENCE
& AUTONOMY**



Standard vs Honors Courses



605 students
(nearly 3 out of every 4 students)

take at least 1 honors course

270 students
(1 in every 3 students)

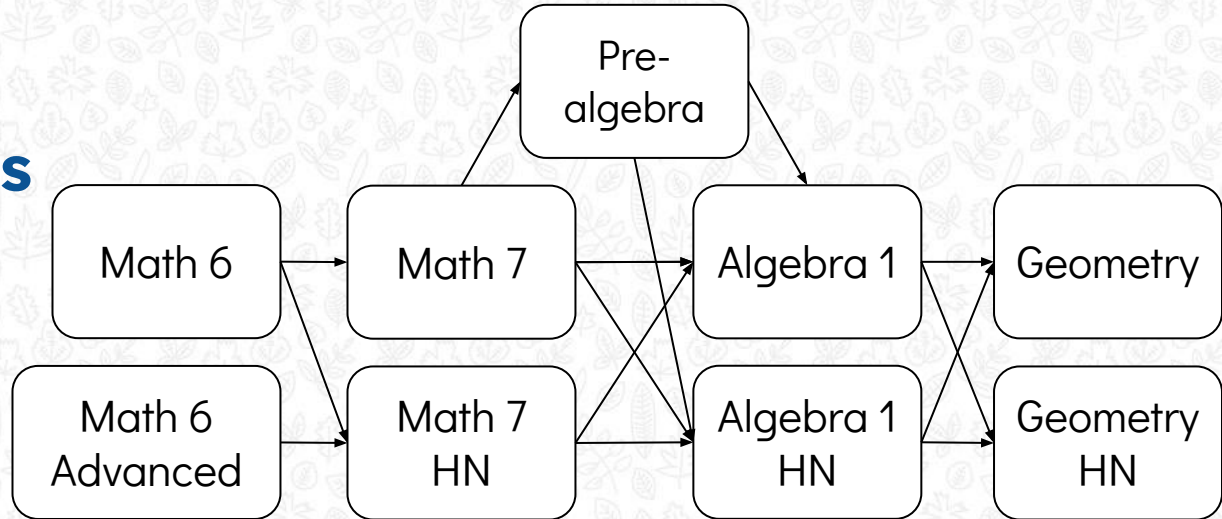
take honors for all four core content

Math Pathways



Grade 7 Course Options

- **Math 7**
- **Math 7 Honors**
- **Algebra 1 Honors**
(student must meet enrollment criteria)



Math 7 and Math 7 Honors



Math 7

- Students will take the **Grade 7 Math SOL**
- This course is a very thorough mathematical survey course that provides students with a **strong** foundation for either Pre-Algebra or Algebra as 8th graders

Math 7 Honors

- Students will take the **Grade 8 Math SOL**
- Pre-Algebra (8th grade) curriculum with extensions (this is not a 7th grade curriculum)
- Students should have successfully completed their 6th grade math class

Algebra 1 Honors



Criteria for Enrollment:

- Successful completion of Advanced Math 6
- Score of 91 or greater on IOWA test
- Score of 500 or greater on Grade 7 Math SOL



Course Information:

- Algebra 1 Honors accelerates students beyond the Pre-Algebra curriculum (8th grade level).
- Students will take the **Algebra 1 SOL for verified credit** in high school.

Course Selection Form Guide



This form is meant to be a visual guide and should support your student in entering classes with their counselor or teacher in Studentvue.

<u>English, Social Studies and Science Selections</u>				<u>Math Selection</u>			
AAP level 4 students will be automatically placed in AA English/History/Science courses. Contact us to opt out of AAP.				A final placement for advanced math courses will be determined once both SOL and IAAT scores become available in June. Students may be placed in support class (Power Math) based on their academic needs.			
		General (00)	Honors (36)	AAP (38)	<i>*Algebra 1 and Geometry courses are high school credit courses.</i>		
111000/36/38	English 7				311100	Mathematics 7	takes SOL test for Math 7
235500/36/38	US History 7			level 4 eligible	311136	Mathematics 7 HN	takes SOL test for PreAlgebra
411500/36/38	Science 7					Algebra 1 Honors*	Placement based on Math 7 SOL (500 or higher) & IAAT (91 or higher). Notification letter in June.
712033 for S1 712034 for S2	Health & PE	✓				Geometry Honors*	FMS counselors will enroll students currently in Algebra 1 Honors.

Course Selection



<i>Health & PE</i>
<i>Falcon Time</i>
<i>English</i>
<i>Math</i>
<i>Science</i>
<i>History</i>
Elective 1
Elective 2

All students will take:

HPE and
Falcon Time

No decisions - all students enrolled

**4 Core
Classes**

Will I take honors classes?

**2-4
Electives
Classes**

What electives will I take?

Will I take a language (HS credit)?

Yearlong or semester electives?

Electives Courses



You will take between 2 to 4 electives:

Semester 1	Semester 2
Elective 1	Elective 3
Elective 2	Elective 4

Semester 1	Semester 2
Year-long Elective	
Elective 1	Elective 2

Semester 1	Semester 2
Year-long Elective 1	
Year-long Elective 2	

- Semester electives:
- Art Courses
 - Computer Solutions
 - Engineering Design & Modeling
 - Family & Consumer Sciences
 - Leadership
 - Theatre Arts Appreciation
 - Tech Theatre
 - Strategies for Success
 - Coding & Innovative Tech.
 - Engineering Simulation & Fabrication
 - Advanced Theatre Arts
- Advanced Electives (offered in S2):**

- Yearlong electives:
- Band
 - Chorus
 - Orchestra
 - Spanish 1*
 - French 1*
 - Yearbook

Supporting our Students



Reading

- Lexia Power Up Lessons
- Literacy Through Active Participation (LAP)
- Action Literacy 7 & 8

Mathematics

- Power Math 7
- Falcon Time Interventions

Elementary schools are utilizing recent Universal Screener data as well as past SOL scores to identify students who need additional support.

For questions, email Ms. Hailfinger at dehailfinger@fcps.edu

Supporting our Students



ESOL - Students working on their English language will take courses to support their language development. Courses will be based upon the student's most current WIDA level.

For questions, reach out to Cherie Houck at cahouck@fcps.edu

Special Education - We have many great classes to support students with an IEP. Courses will be finalized during the transition IEP meeting this spring. Transition meetings will be scheduled by your child's elementary school in the coming months.

For questions, reach out to Sara Rolander at ssrolander@fcps.edu

Special Education



- Course selections will be discussed as an IEP team during the transition IEP this spring
- Teams will determine the least restrictive environment for the student, which might include -
 - General (or advanced) education core courses
 - General education core courses with special education support
 - Special education core classes
 - Special education electives (Strategies for Success, Personal Development, Literacy, Adapted PE, Life Skills)
 - A combination of any of the above



Middle School Transition

What's New in 7th Grade?



- School start time: 7:30 AM
- Block scheduling
- 8 Teachers
- Elective courses
- Advisory (Falcon Time)
- After School Activities
- Interdisciplinary Teams

Blue (A)	Time	Gray (B)
1	7:30 am-9:00 am <small>(Includes time for morning news)</small>	2
3	9:05 am-9:50 am	3
4 (FT)	9:55 am-10:25 am	4 (FT)
5 LUNCH PERIOD	10:30 am-12:45 pm	6 LUNCH PERIOD
7	12:50 pm-2:15 pm	8

Interdisciplinary Teams



English
Teacher

Math
Teacher

Science
Teacher

Social Studies
Teacher

School
Counselor

Grade-level
Admin

- ★ Responsive to the needs of students
- ★ Deeper dive into meeting the needs of the whole student
- ★ Smaller community for our students and families

Falcon Time/Advisory



2 components of Falcon Time:

Advisory lessons (30 min twice a week)

Office hours, intervention, and work time (30 min three times a week)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Work Time w/ Office Hours	Lesson	Work Time w/ Office Hours	Lesson	Work Time w/ Office Hours

Student Wellness/Safety



FCPS addresses bullying prevention and mistreatment through a curriculum taught by school counselors and teachers, the health curriculum, resources from the Student Safety and Wellness Office, presentations on Student Rights and Responsibilities, and through our school's Falcons CARE tier 1 behavioral supports.

BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION ESSENTIALS

Positive Learning Environment - Caring Adults - Resilient Students



FALCONS CARE



We are:

Connected
Accountable
Respectful
Empathetic

Additional Resources



Franklin Middle School

FCPS

Schools SIS Google Workspace Library Lunch Menus MySchoolBucks Employee Resources

frmsptboard.com/home

FRANKLIN Middle School PTA

Home Log In

- Home
- Announcements
- Volunteer Signups
- Calendar
- Forms & Payments
- Docs & Photos
- Facebook

MEMBERSHIP

2022-23 Board

Parent Forms & Resources

Announcements [View all](#)

STEAM-tastic Career Fair [View --](#)

Published at 9/7/2022 8:00am

Upcoming Events

Wed Sep 07 2022 6:00pm
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (VIRTUAL)
When: 09/07/22 8:00pm-7:00pm
Desc: Links will be sent home via email.

My School

Name: Franklin Middle School PTA
Address: 3300 LEES CORNER RD, CHANTILLY, Virginia 20151
Description: The Franklin Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a group of parent volunteers who graciously donate their time in a variety of different ways to support the school and creates community and educational connections with the school, teachers and parents. Please follow the link below to become a member of the Franklin Middle School PTA, 2022 Friends of PMS



Franklin MS Weekly Update - September 1

Fairfax County Public Schools sent this bulletin at 09/01/2022 03:30 PM EDT

Having trouble viewing this email? [View it as a Web page.](#)

Franklin Middle School



Franklin Families and Students,

Good Afternoon!

It has been a great second week of the school year at Franklin Middle School. Our students and staff are settling into positive routines, developing relationships with each other, and forming their new classroom communities. This work will continue throughout the year as we keep the needs of our students at the center of all that we do.

We have some opportunities for all of you to connect with our school community in the coming days and I wanted to highlight those below:

- **Back to School Night – September 7 at 6:00 PM:** We hope that you can join us for our Back to School Night event on Wednesday, September 7. This will be a virtual event via Zoom that features a synchronous presentation from the FMS Leadership Team. A Zoom link will be sent on September 7, and this session will be recorded and shared with the community if you are unable to join us at 6:00 PM. The session will feature updates about our focus for the school year, a preview of a day in the life of our students, and a spotlight on the supports that will be in place for your student this year. There will also be an opportunity for families to submit questions. We hope that

