

Franklin Middle School Curriculum Night

January 17, 2024



Welcome to the Franklin Family!



We will start the presentation at 6:00 pm.

We'll talk about:

- Welcome & Introductions
- What's New in Middle School?
- Academic Advising & Course Selection
- Student Panel for Electives/Honors
- Electives Fair (6:45 PM - 7:30 PM)

**While you wait, tell us
about yourself:**



tinyurl.com/FMS117

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Today's Agenda



1. Welcome & Introductions
2. What's New in Middle School?
3. Academic Advising & Course Selection
4. Student Panel
5. Electives Fair



Introductions - Admin Team



Michelle Case
Interim Principal



Danna Hailfinger
Director of
Student Services



Sarah Burrowbridge
Assistant Principal



Forrest Reid
Assistant Principal



Chris Tippins
After School
Specialist

Student Services Team



Ms. Fraundorfer
Counselor

Ms. Hailfinger
DSS

Ms. Gallagher
Counselor

Ms. Brunais
Social Worker

Ms. Zeid
Counselor

Ms. Wilson
Psychologist



A Special Thank You



Our Franklin Middle School PTA and board!

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everychild. one voice.[®]

Welcome Back to Middle School!



Our Franklin Community



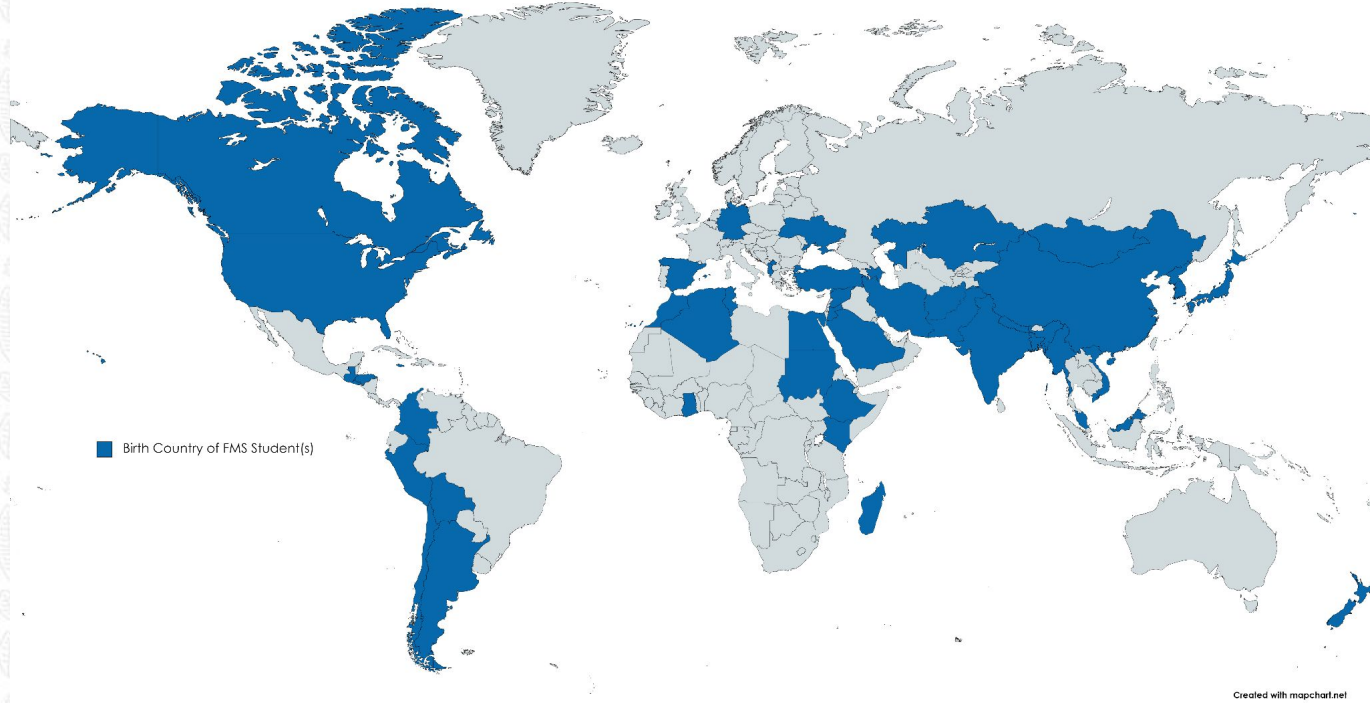
Over 825 students coming primarily from 6 feeder elementary schools:



Most Franklin students go on to attend either:



Our Franklin Community



Over 45 birth countries represented and over 50 at-home languages spoken!

Our Franklin Community



81 students

**(about 10% or 1 in
every 10 students)**

**accessing services
as an English
Learner**

133 students

**(about 16% or 1 in
every 6 students)**

**accessing special
education services**

24 students

(3% of students)

**are military
connected**

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)

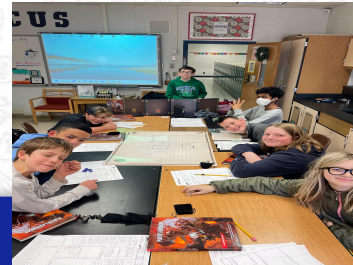
Office hours, intervention, and work time (30 min three times a week)

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

After-School Program



- ASP offers a variety of recreation, fine arts, and academic programs and activities
 - Examples include: Creative writing, robotics, basketball, flag football, drama club, homework help, knitting, and game room
- ASP is open to all Franklin students and most programs and activities are free of charge
- Activities occur during 2 one-hour blocks after the instructional day
- Currently Late buses are provided 4 days a week





AFTER-SCHOOL SCHEDULE - JANUARY 15-19

*Clubs will may and vary throughout the year. All Updates Posted to the After-School Schoology Course.
Bus Transportation will run Monday - Thursday. Parent Pick Up / Bus Dismissal 4:45PM*

OUR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM PROVIDES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OF STRUCTURED ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES, SO THAT STUDENTS CAN BE AN ENGAGED AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL AND OUR COMMUNITY. THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM WHEN DECIDING TO STAY AFTER SCHOOL.

Monday JAN. 15 2:15PM - 2:35PM Sign In/Attendance Cafeteria	Tuesday JAN. 16 2:15PM - 2:35PM Sign In/Attendance Cafeteria	Wednesday JAN. 17 2:15PM - 2:35PM Sign In/Attendance Cafeteria	Thursday JAN. 18 2:15PM - 2:35PM Sign In/Attendance Cafeteria	Friday JAN. 19 2:15PM - 2:35PM Sign In/Attendance Cafeteria
1st Block 2:35-3:35 NO SCHOOL	1st Block 2:35-3:35 Homework Club Dungeons & Dragons Zentangle Club Lego Robotics Open Gym Spongebob Musical Rehearsal	1st Block 2:35-3:35 Homework Club Film Study/Movie Club Creative Club -The Gauntlet Handcraft Hangout Jazz Band Basketball Spongebob Musical Rehearsal	1st Block 2:35-3:35 Homework Club ECO-Get 2 Green Club MATHCOUNTS SOCCER Spongebob Musical Rehearsal	Both Blocks 2:35-4:35 Open Gym Game Room
2nd Block 3:35-4:35 NO SCHOOL	2nd Block 3:35-4:35 Dungeons & Dragons Open Gym Board Games /Game Room	2nd Block 3:35-4:35 Basketball PING PONG BINGO Board Games/Game Room	2nd Block 3:35-4:35 Board Games/Game Room MathCounts SOCCER	Open Gym Game Room



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

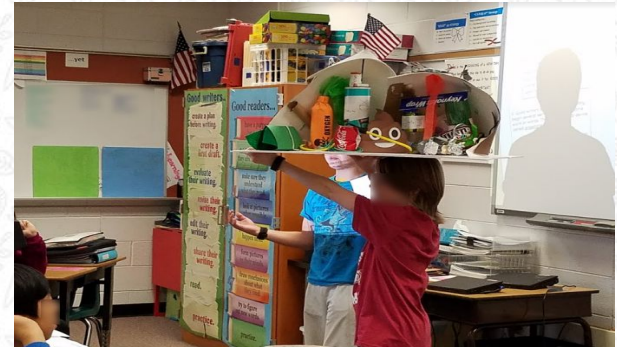
English 7



The English curriculum is designed to develop students' abilities to employ effective skills in **reading, writing, research, communication, and multimodal literacy.**

Projects

- **Project-based learning**
 - Literature-based “mini-projects”
 - Everest RAFT project
 - Grade 7 AAP-- Independent Research Project
- **Cross-curricular projects**
 - Think-dot
 - Grade 7 AAP-- Schools of the Future



Science 7 - Life Science



FOCUS: To provide a variety of opportunities to explore scientific concepts through hands-on experiments, and collaborative teamwork

- **Ecology:** Ecosystems, Chesapeake Bay, Environmental Factors, Water-Testing Field Trip
 - Student lab groups get their own aquariums!
- **Observing Living Things:** Cells, Microscopes, Life Processes
 - Students get a lot of hands on lab work looking at a big variety of cells!
- **Genetics:** Genes & traits, DNA, Classification of Living Organisms
 - Students learn if the traits they have are inherited or environmental!



US History



- ★ practice the skills of historians as we examine American history since 1865.
- ★ understand the political, economic, and social challenges facing the nation reunited after the Civil War.
- ★ examine topics chronologically and thematically
- ★ students develop an understanding of how the American experience shaped the world's political and economic landscapes.

7th grade Topics Include:

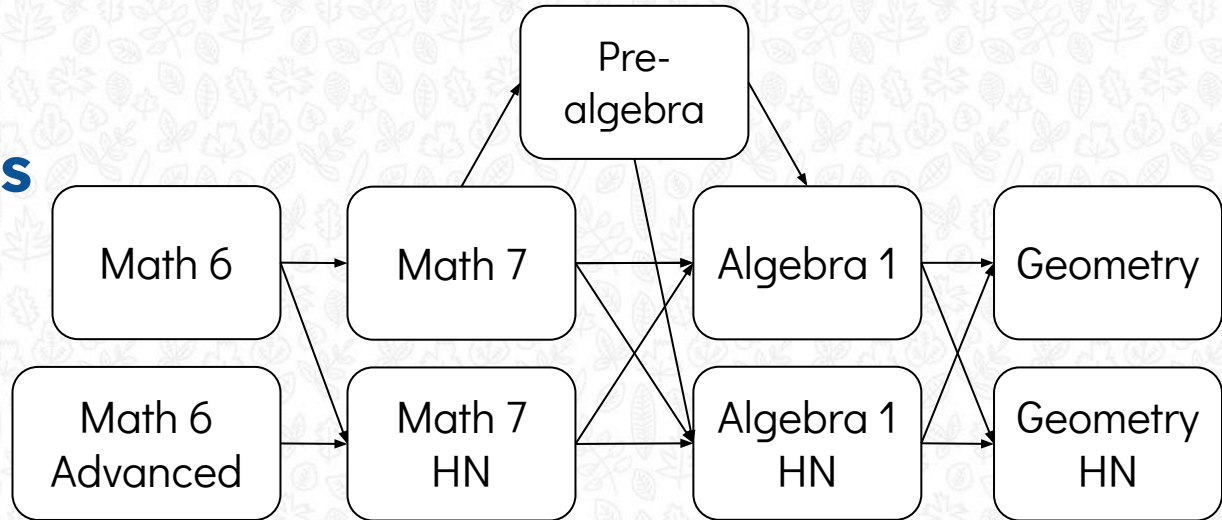
- ★ Reconstruction
- ★ Westward Expansion
- ★ Immigration
- ★ WWI & WWII
- ★ 1920s
- ★ Great Depression
- ★ Cold War
- ★ Civil Rights Movement
- ★ Globalization
- ★ Industrialization
- ★ Progressive Era
- ★ Spanish-American
- ★ War & Foreign Policy

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.

<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>
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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

Choosing Electives



Name & Grade

What's your favorite thing about Franklin MS?

What went into your decision to take certain honors or electives classes?

What advice do you have for incoming 7th graders?

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.

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

Additional Resources



Franklin Middle School

FCPS

Schools SIS Google Workspace Library Lunch Menus MySchoolBucks Employee Resources

frmsptboard.com/home

FRANKLIN Middle School PTA

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MEMBERSHIP

2022-23 Board

Parent Forms & Resources

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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

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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

Next Steps



Work with your child to complete course requests for next school year - course requests are due in SIS by February 2nd

Submit question here or reach out directly:



tinyurl.com/FMS2425