Franklin High School Profile 2026-2027

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COMMUNITY

Franklin is a growing middle-class suburban community located on Interstate 495, 35 miles southwest of Boston and less than 20 miles north of Providence, RI. It is a town of approximately 33,000 people. Dean College is located in Franklin.

SCHOOL

Franklin High School is a comprehensive high school accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL FAST FACTS:

Grades	9-12
Enrollment	1330
Faculty	117
Teacher-Student-ratio	1:12
Class of 2027	341

Graduating Class of 2026:

Size:	359
4-year Colleges	87%
2-year/trade Colleges	5%
Continuing Ed:	92%
Work or Military	3%
Other	4%

CURRICULUM

Students are allowed to select from a wide range of course offerings. Students may prepare for work in business or industry and for college simultaneously. Every attempt is made to meet the educational needs of the students in preparation for the post-secondary world.
Courses are offered according to four criteria: instructional pace, content, classroom activities, and assignments outside the classroom. These criteria must be considered when courses are selected:

●COLLEGE PREPARATORY (CP)

These courses include courses designed to prepare students to continue their education. They may require well-developed reading, writing, verbal, conceptual, mathematical, and study abilities, as well as substantial outside preparation.

●HONORS (H)

These courses offer highly challenging content, presented at an accelerated and more intensive pace than the typical college preparatory courses taken by a majority of four-year college-bound students.
They require advanced reading, writing, verbal, conceptual, and mathematical ability, as well as extensive outside preparation.

●ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

These courses are formally recognized as Advanced Placement (AP) courses by the College Board. AP courses are college-level courses with standardized exams. These courses provide opportunities for students to earn advanced placement and/ or credit at college.

AP COURSES OFFERED

DEPARTMENT	AP COURSES OFFERED
Art	AP Art Drawing/3D Studio Art& Design
English	AP Literature and Composition
	AP Language and Composition
World Language	AP French Language and Culture
	AP Spanish Language
Math	AP Pre-Calculus
	AP Calculus AB
	AP Calculus BC
	AP Computer Science A
	AP Computer Science Principles
	AP Statistics
Science	AP Chemistry
	AP Physics I
	AP Physics II
	AP Biology
	AP Environmental Science
History	AP US History
	AP Psychology
	AP Gov't and Politics
	AP European History
Business	AP Macroeconomics
	AP Microeconomics
	AP Business and Personal Finance

MARKING SYSTEM

(Lowest numerical equivalent)

A-90	D-60	Passing Mark: 60
B-80	F-59 or below	Honors Mark: 80 – 100
C-70		

All courses reflected on transcript are calculated in Grade Point Average. Grade Point Average is recalculated at the end of every term.

	AP	H	CP
A+	5.33	4.83	4.33
A	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	4.67	4.17	3.67
B+	4.33	3.83	3.33
B	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	3.67	3.17	2.67
C+	3.33	2.83	2.33
C	3.00	2.50	2.00
C-	2.67	2.17	1.67
D+	2.33	1.83	1.33
D	2.00	1.50	1.00
D-	1.67	1.17	0.67
F	0.00	0.00	0.00

GRADE POINT AVG. (GPA) CALCULATION

Grade Point Average (GPA) is tabulated according to utilization of a 4 point weighting system. This system is consistent with the requirements of colleges and universities for the method of reporting student GPA for the application process and is in compliance with the Massachusetts Dept. of Higher Education guidelines for computing weighted grade point average. Courses at Franklin High School are grouped in three levels and will be given differing weights in the computation of grade point average according to the chart above.

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Students are placed in one of ten deciles according to their weighted GPA. This weight is determined by the degree of the difficulty in each subject (weighted 4.0 scale).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Of a 35 period, 7 day cycle, 30-35 class periods are required. Courses are offered on a semester and yearlong basis and receive 5.0 credits for a full year course and 2.5 for a semester course One hundred and six and a half academic credits are required for graduation, including: English, 20 credits; Mathematics, 20 credits; Science, 15 credits (including 5 Biology credits); Social Studies,15 credits (including 10 U.S. History credits); 10 credits in an elective sequence; Wellness 4.0 credits, 60 hours physical education(requirement may be obtained through an outside pathway)

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

●Senior Project

As a participant in the Senior Project, students will increase their awareness of the necessary steps for achieving a set career, service, or artistic path by participating in a full-time externship during the final quarter of their senior year. Students will complete various project objectives including: 70 hours of professional externship experience, written reflection papers, a cumulative portfolio, and a final presentation to a panel. Students must submit a proposal for Senior Project by the end of their junior year. The proposal is reviewed by a panel who will determine if the Project has the potential to be completed successfully. Upon acceptance into the Senior Project, students will enroll in a preparatory course during the 3rd term of their senior year and then commence their externship during the final quarter of their senior year. Senior Project provides students with the opportunity to apply their academic, social, and civic skills developed throughout the course of their experiences at FHS and realize connections between their high school education and future careers.

SEAL of BILITERACY

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

The State Seal of Biliteracy is an award given to students who have attained a high level of proficiency in English through the ELA MCAS or ACCESS and another language through a district-selected standardized test. The qualifying student will demonstrate a high level of proficiency in all four domains of language (reading, writing, speaking and listening when all exist) of both languages. In Franklin, qualifying seniors will receive an official state seal beginning with the graduating class of 2021. This program is designed to both motivate and recognize students who have pursued and attained biliteracy during their academic career in Franklin. This designation will be applied to Franklin High School transcripts for all qualifying students. Many of the students who matriculate through Franklin Public Schools graduate with functional literacy in two or more languages. The Seal of Biliteracy will benefit students in the workforce and our global society because it serves as evidence of the language skills that a student possesses to future employers and college admissions offices and will encourage students to cultivate their understanding of the complex, diverse and interdependent world in which we live.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Maria Weber, Principal
- Kristin Reid, Associate Principal
- Mark Gaffney, Assistant Principal
- Catherine Klein, Assistant Principal
- Leanne Soulard, Assistant Principal

GUIDANCE:

● Heather McVay**,** Director of Guidance
Counselors:
● Patrick Dooley ● Julianne Horner ● Abigail Leone-Murphy
● Kate Ryder ●David Soulard ● Jodie Walsh ● Karen Botcheller, Career Counselor ● Julie Dolge, Admin. Assistant

AP SCORES 2026

In May 2026, 470 students in grades 9-12 took 1,096 AP Exams in 27 subjects. 85% of exams earned a score of 3 or higher.

- AP Scholars with Distinction: 91
- AP Scholars with Honors: 48
- AP Scholars: 60

SAT SCORES - SPRING 2026

SAT		ACT	
Taking SAT	75%	Taking ACT	18%
Mean Score E/RW	596	Mean Score Reading	27.9
Mean Score Math	583	Mean Score Math	26.5
		Mean Score Eng.	26.4
		Mean Score Science	26.0
		Mean Score Comp	26.8