
Program of Studies Overview

Franklin High School
Proposed PoS 2026-2027



Overview

- Annual PoS review process
- Notable Adjustments
- New Course Proposals
- Considerations
- Innovation Career Pathways

Program of Studies (PoS) Review Process

Phase 1:

Department & School
Review

- FHS Principal's Council (department heads, directors, administrators) reviews course content, structure, and language
- Guidance reviews graduation requirements and sequencing

Phase 2:

Alignment & Analysis

- Analyze historical data (enrollment trends, scheduling impacts, gaps in offerings)
- Confirm alignment with DESE guidance, Portrait of a Graduate, and FHS graduation requirements

Phase 3:

Administrative Review &
Approval

- Course proposals and/or changes are suggested
- Final review by FHS and FPS administration
- Revisions finalized and approved

Phase 4:

Communication &
Implementation

- Updated Program of Studies presented to the School Committee
 - Grade 8 families are informed and courses are selected
 - Grade 9-11 FHS students begin the scheduling process
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Notable Adjustments

Innovation Career Pathways:

- Explore careers and develop workplace readiness skills in areas of Business/Finance & Health/Social Assistance

Course Proposals:

- Based on developing curriculum needs, skill development, and student interest.
- Some courses are offered every other year.

Competency Determination:

- Requirements for graduation based on DESE guidance

Curriculum Opt Out:

- Right to review curriculum scope & sequence; opt out according to district policy
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New Course Proposals

Visual & Performing Arts:

Art Exploration

Learn to Jam

Science:

Earth Science (H)

World Language:

Foundations of Language: Legal

Latin

Foundations of Language: Medical

Latin

Social Studies:

American History Through Sports

Health/Physical Education:

Ref Reps

Business:

Entrepreneurship 2

AP Business w/ Personal Finance

Considerations for Students and Families

Reflective Questions:

1. Have you selected courses that keep you on pace to meet graduation requirements?
 2. Do your course selections align with your post-secondary plans?
 3. Did you choose the appropriate courses and levels that best fit your needs and goals for the school year?
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Franklin High School currently offers two DESE-approved *Innovation Career Pathways*:

Business & Finance

- Coursework in entrepreneurship, accounting, marketing, financial literacy
- Exposure to business operations, analytics, and professional skills

Health & Social Assistance

- Coursework exploring healthcare, mental health, behavioral health, social services
 - Experiences supporting caring professions and community-focused careers
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Innovation Career Pathways

- State-recognized pathways connecting students to high-demand industries
 - Structured coursework + real-world experience
 - Strong employer partnerships
 - Builds skills before graduation
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- **In addition to coursework, students participating in an Innovation Career Pathway will have access to:**
 - ❖ **Soft Skills Development**
 - ❖ **Job shadowing opportunities**
 - ❖ **Guest speakers**
 - ❖ **Field Trips**
 - ❖ **Networking**
 - **Students completing an Innovation Career Pathway will conclude their experience with a 100 hour Internship or Capstone experience with a community partner.**
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