
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

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

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?

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

Innovation Career Pathways

- State-recognized pathways connecting students to high-demand industries
- Structured coursework + real-world experience
- Strong employer partnerships
- Builds skills before graduation

- 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.
