

# Franklin High School 2015-2016

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for New Students

### Academics

#### How do I request that my student be assigned to Franklin High School for next year?

All student assignments are completed at the Seattle Public Schools District Office – the John Stanford Center for Education Excellence. For additional enrollment information can be found online ([www.seattleschools.org](http://www.seattleschools.org)), and following the “District” tab to “Departments,” then “Enrollment Services” within the Alphabetical Directory. Please note new students are assigned to an attendance area school based on home address.

For families to request their student attend a school other than the school listed on their initial assignment letter, please mind the 2015-2016 Open Enrollment period – from February 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. School Choice forms should be directly submitted to the John Stanford Center via e-mail, fax or in person.

#### My student receives Special Education Services. What is the registration process for my student?

After your student's admission to Franklin, a member of the Special Education team will contact you to discuss your child's education. Your student will be assigned a specific case manager, if you have any questions or concerns about your student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) services and/or learning needs.

#### What classes are required for my 9<sup>th</sup> grade student?

Here is a typical 9<sup>th</sup> grade schedule at Franklin High School:

First Semester	Second Semester
Intro to Literature and Composition	Intro to Literature and Composition (Continued from 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester)
World History I	World History II
Physical Science I	Physical Science II
Math*	Math*
Personal Fitness	Health
Elective**	Elective**

\*: Based on Student's 8<sup>th</sup> grade math level

\*\* : For complete list of courses offered, please visit the Course Catalog.

#### What (Honors or) AP courses are available in Grades 10-12?

Franklin offers the following AP courses\*:

- Advanced Placements Biology
- Advanced Placements American Government and Economics
- Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition
- Advanced Placement Calculus
- Advanced Placement Physics I
- Advanced Placement Chemistry I and II
- Advanced Placement European History
- Advanced Placement Spanish
- Advanced Placement Statistics
- Advanced Placement World History
- Advanced Art Portfolio

\*Please note this list of AP classes is subject to change, based on student demand

#### Is foreign language (world language) required?

While foreign language is not a Seattle Public Schools graduation requirement, we encourage our students to enroll in these courses. This communication skill benefits students two-fold: they become better engaged world citizens, and they satisfy four-year college entrance requirements upon graduating. Students at Franklin may choose from: French, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, or Spanish.

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### **How is placement in 9<sup>th</sup> grade math or world language determined?**

Factors involved in students' placements in their 9<sup>th</sup> grades classes are their middle school academic grades, test scores, and counselor recommendations. If you have additional concerns or questions about your student's placement, please contact their counselor.

### **What are Academies? Do all students have to choose one, and what is the application process?**

Each ninth grade student is assigned to a team of teachers when entering Franklin High School. That team is composed of a Language Arts teacher, a World History teacher and a Physical Science teacher. Those three teachers share the same group of students and those students travel together as a class between those three subjects. We feel that this structure makes a student's entry into Franklin more personal by giving students a common group of peers and a common group of teachers. These teachers work together throughout the year to create the best learning experience possible for each student.

After familiarizing themselves to the FHS campus during their 9th grade year, 10th grade students choose from one of four theme-based academies and follow this community until graduation. Similar to their 9<sup>th</sup> grade academies, students will continue most academy courses in cohorts; however, students take other interest-based elective courses, college preparatory course work and career exploration opportunities suited to their personal educational goals.

Upperclassmen choose which of four academic communities to join:

- Academy of Finance
- CREATE (Construction Related, Engineering, and Architectural Technical Experience)
- Humanities Academy
- Public Service Academy (PSA)

More specific information regarding each of these academies is available on the website at [www.franklinhs.org](http://www.franklinhs.org), and following the link to "Academics," then "Small Learning Communities."

### **Whom can I contact if I have specific questions about one of these academies?**

- Academy of Finance  
Barbara Lynch ([blynch@seattleschools.org](mailto:blynch@seattleschools.org))
- CREATE (Construction Related, Engineering, and Architectural Technical Experience)  
Michael Lawson ([milawson@seattleschools.org](mailto:milawson@seattleschools.org))
- Humanities Academy  
Dave Ehrich ([dwehrich@seattleschools.org](mailto:dwehrich@seattleschools.org))
- Public Service Academy (PSA)  
Al Snyder ([acsnyder@seattleschools.org](mailto:acsnyder@seattleschools.org))

### **What is Running Start?**

Running Start is a program that provides high school students (who are at the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade level by credit) the opportunity to enroll in college-level courses for college credit, tuition free, and earn high school credit at the same time. To see if Running Start might work for your student, to inquire additional prerequisites for Running Start, or other questions, please contact your student's counselor for an appointment.

### **What is the Skill Center?**

Seattle Skills Center is a Seattle Public Schools' program to provide hands-on classes in real-world career fields at various school sites – all at no tuition cost. High school juniors and seniors from any Seattle High School can sign up. Examples of programs offered by the Skills Center include: Aerospace Science, Culinary Arts, Automotive Technology, Fire Science, Medical Assisting/Nursing Assistant and Maritime Science, among many others. To see if a Skill Center program can fit into your student's schedule, contact their school counselor.

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### Extra-Curricular Activities

#### **My student wants to try out for an athletic team, cheerleading or a club sport. What is the process for him or her?**

Information on Athletics (both Inter-scholastic and Club Athletics) offered at Franklin High School is available on the website at [www.franklinhs.org](http://www.franklinhs.org), and following the link to "Student Activities," then "Athletics". We have posted online links to the Athletic Paperwork Packet for your desired team, which are available to download and complete. (Paper copies are also available in the Attendance Office.) Students need to submit their completed packet, a current sports physical (Dated 12/30/13 or later), and appropriate fees. Please note for incoming freshmen, their final 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester GPA from 8<sup>th</sup> grade determines their academic eligibility for both Fall and Winter sports. Additionally, SPS middle school physical paperwork is not automatically transferred to a student's file. For additional questions, such as important dates, please contact our Athletics Office (206-252-6282).

### Additional Questions

#### **Where can I find additional information?**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation date will be announced soon. For more information, please contact Ms. Jolene McCann (206-252-6226 / [jmccann@seattleschools.org](mailto:jmccann@seattleschools.org)) or Ms. Sara Kerr ([skkerr@seattleschools.org](mailto:skkerr@seattleschools.org)).