

Franklin High School Courses: A Snapshot

Advanced Placement Courses

European History	Statistics
World History	Biology
U.S. History	Chemistry
Government	Literature
Calculus	Physics

Electives

Drawing	Sociology
Sculpting	Piano
Muralling	Apparel & Textiles
Drama	Multiple Bands
Journalism	Steel Drum Band
Business Law	Video Production
Communications	Accounting

Support Programs

CAN (College Access Now—6 counselors)
YMCA
Upward Bound
Black Achievers
Link Crew...and more!

Test Performance

Franklin students perform well on state exams often outperforming district and state averages.

For example, Class of 2015 AP Calculus students outperformed the national average by 20% including far exceeding the number of students awarded a 5 on the exam

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SCHOLARSHIP

Franklin High School is home to illustrious alumni, including:

Stephanie Stokes Oliver, former editor of Essence and Glamour Magazine

Frank Raines, Harvard Alumnus and Rhodes Scholar, former Vice Chairman of Fannie Mae and White House Domestic Policy staff

Cheryl Chow, former Seattle councilwoman and former president of the Seattle School Board

James McCurdy, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lockheed Shipbuilding & Construction Company

Gary Locke, First Chinese-American in US History to become Governor. Later was appointed to serve as the US Secretary of Commerce and is currently the Ambassador to China.

Recent Franklin High School graduates attend universities including:

University of Washington, Seattle University, Western Washington University, Washington State University, Stanford, Brown, Harvey Mudd, University of San Francisco, Howard University, Syracuse, St. John's, and Northwestern.

- Nearly 80% of FHS students attend post-secondary institutions
- The class of 2015 earned hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of scholarships and produced a Gates Millennium Scholar
- Class of 2015 had the highest number of students enrolled at UW of all SPS schools and 6th highest in the state!
- Class of 2015 had a National Merit Scholar (top 1% in nation)



Franklin High School is a large, public urban high school respected for its traditions of student and community involvement and academic preparedness. The student body is a richly diverse balance of ethnicity and culture: 54% Asian descent, 29% African American, 6% Caucasian, 8% Latino, and 1% American Indian, respectively.

Franklin students spend their school years learning with and about students of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Franklin is one of the most diverse schools in the nation. Thus our graduates, in addition beyond being well-prepared academically, receive another enriching educational experience—that of community—learning to live and thrive in a complex urban society.

*Energy and persistence
conquer all things.*

Benjamin Franklin

THE FRANKLIN EXPERIENCE

FRESHMAN YEAR



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. Each of the ninth grade teams complete common projects, like the 9th grade poetry slam and history day.

9th grade students are expected to take responsibility for their own learning and each prepare for a student-led performance conference with families.



Thunderbirds



Ravens



Grizzlies

Tenth Grade at Franklin

- Students choose which of four academic communities to join:
 - Academy of Finance
 - CREATE (focus on Engineering & Architecture)
 - Humanities
 - Public Service Academy
- Our academies are composed of Language Arts and Social Studies teachers and some elective teachers who continue the personal approach to each student's education.
- All academies provide continued skill assessment and instruction to prepare for the WASL exam.

Eleventh Grade and Beyond

Students stay with their community and begin more academy-focused classes.

- Interest-based programs and electives
- College preparation and AP classes

Twelfth Grade

Senior projects designed to showcase the skills students' have attained throughout their tenure at FHS are a graduation requirement. The focus and approach to these projects center on student choice. Presentations and an accompanying research paper are required, along with the attainment of certain standards of excellence.

Franklin High School students are prepared for success after high school. Students work closely with their counselor and programs like College Access Now to apply to and prepare for university. All upperclassmen are provided with the opportunity to apply for internships, job-shadows, or mentorships with local professionals and community organizers.



Literacy and Math Emphasis

- Student portfolios to guide skill development in reading, writing, and research
- Common writing rubrics to guide instruction
- Reading Apprenticeship to improve reading comprehension and fluency
- Socratic Seminars to develop critical thinking skills and analytical reading
- Math assessments and skill development

Extracurricular Activities

- Renowned activities like Mock Trial, a strong visual arts program, music, and a new drama program
- Student run clubs that reflect our diversity of culture and interests. (Eg: Earth Corps, Asian Student Association, Black Student Union, Book Club, National Honors Society, Key Club, Xbot, Lion Dance, Break-dance Club, Anime Club...and many more!)
- Varsity sports for men and women, like football, basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, swimming, soccer, ultimate frisbee, lacrosse, track, and cross-country.