

FHS Program of Studies 2023 - 2024

Franklin High School

218 Oak St • Franklin, MA

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Our Core Beliefs



Passionate about learning

Active in the school community

Nurturing of others and self

Thoughtful and respectful in actions and words

High Performing so we can achieve our dreams

Engaged in our education

Responsible for our learning and decisions

Supportive of one another



Portrait of a Graduate



Academic Expectations for Student Learning

- Confident & Self-Aware Individual
- Empathetic & Productive Citizen
- Curious & Creative Thinker
- Effective Communicator & Collaborator
- Reflective & Innovative Problem - Solver



Our Process

- FHS Department Heads reviewed current courses outlined in Program of Studies (Principal's Council)
- DESE, Portrait of A Graduate, DEI, and SEL lens were used to make sure our offerings were in line with our core values and academic expectations
- Adjustments were proposed & reviewed by FHS and FPS administration
- Approved Adjustments are being presented to FPS School Committee
- FHS students will begin course selection process

Highlighted Adjustments

Increasing Graduation Requirements:

- **Students in the class of 2028 and beyond must take the Personal Finance class in any semester of any year to meet this graduation requirement.**
- **Students in the class of 2028 and beyond must complete 20 hours of community service over the course of four years to meet this graduation requirement.**

The Why? FPS Portrait Of A Graduate:

- **Applies knowledge and skills to contribute to local, global, and environmental solutions with personal responsibility**
- **Employs self-reflection while being courageous, independent, and flexible in one's thinking. Expresses one's self creatively**

Highlighted Adjustments

Math Department:

- May include Computer Science A as a math class

World Language Department:

- [Updated information on our seal of biliteracy](#)

All Departments:

- Examined course enrollment numbers and adjusted offerings to make student choice more accurate

Highlighted Adjustments

Senior Experience Externship:

- The Senior Experience allows students to engage in an academic, professional, and/or personal experience during 6 weeks of an unpaid externship that may ultimately shape the course of their future. Students will utilize critical thinking skills and increase their awareness of how to pursue a career, community service/outreach project, or artistic path of interest. Students will attend several informational meetings during the first three quarters in preparation for finalizing an externship by March 1st. During the month of March, students will meet with the Senior Project advisors to go over their goals for their externship.

FHS Student Course Selection Process

FHS Timeline:

January – Advisory Periods – Course promotion

Jan. 8th–26th Teachers input course recommendations in ASPEN. Discussions to take place during class time.

Beginning **Jan. 29th** – Guidance Counselors to meet individually with all students

[Rising 10th](#)

[Rising 11th](#)

[Rising 12th](#)

Jan. 29th–Feb. 6th Class of 2027 Course Selection

Feb. 5th – Feb. 13th Class of 2026 Course Selection

Feb. 26th – March 6th Class of 2025 Course Selection

Middle School Student Course Selection Process

Timeline

Week of Jan. 8th Communication
from Mr. Hanna

Jan. 22nd – Feb. 9th Teachers input
course recommendations in ASPEN

Feb. 12th Panther Pride Night

Feb. 13th – Feb. 28th
Students/Families select courses in
ASPEN

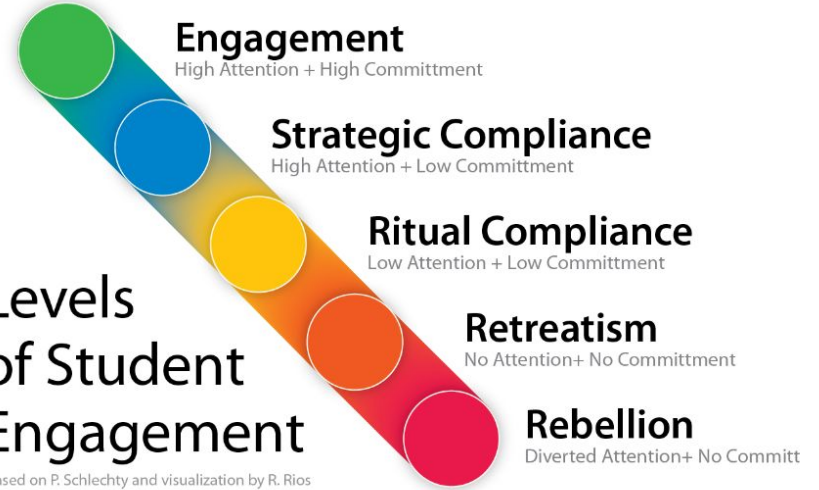
Considerations When Choosing Classes

- ❖ Teacher recommendations – ask questions about the why if you don't agree
- ❖ Do your course choices align with your future goals?
- ❖ Do your courses align with the expectations of post secondary institutions (i.e., 4th year of a World Language)
- ❖ Do your course choices allow you to explore different academic and elective interests?
- ❖ Do your course choices allow you to maintain a balance in your life?

Our Focus: Engagement

Levels of Student Engagement

based on P. Schlechty and visualization by R. Rios



Questions / Comments

