# Helen Keller Elementary School 

500 Lincoln Street

Quick Facts
Grades K-5

Faculty/Staff 79
Website: https://www.franklinps.net/helenkeller
Franklin, MA 02038

Principal: Eric Stark


School Motto: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

## Mission Statement:

The mission of the Helen Keller Elementary School, through strong support systems, and with the cooperation of parents and community, strives to educate all students to high levels of performance, measured by local and state standards. We are committed to fostering strong social values and responsibility to self, others and the global community. The entire Keller staff pledges to support this mission in a safe and nurturing environment.

Helen Keller Core Values: Keller Kids Are: Caring, Inclusive, Unique, and Intelligent

## School Highlights:

- Extended the teaching of social and emotional knowledge and skills to students through the district's social-emotional learning (SEL) implementation plan
- Further developed and implemented a recess model aligned to the Zones of Regulation and social-emotional learning work called the "Zones of Recess"
- Identified shifts and begun to align teaching practices with the 2018 History and Social Science Framework
- Using an inquiry-based approach, teachers instructed students on the physical, life, and Earth science standards.
- Using best practices in unit design, created and refined engaging and rigorous interdisciplinary, standards-based curriculum units
- Expanded the Instructional Support Team (IST) process to further meet the academic needs of each student and added an instructional interventionist in grades K-2
- Used formative and summative data to align instruction to grade-level standards and provide differentiated learning experiences for all students
- Expanded, communicated, and sought input around the Principal's Communication Strategy
- Best Buddies has thrived at Keller and the elementary school level. Currently, there are buddy teams and two promoters groups in place.


## School Achievement Profile

For assessment data, visit:
http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/achievement level.aspx?linkid=32\&orgcode=01010032\&org typecode=6\&


