

**Franklin Public Schools  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

**Action Required**

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**Subject:** Handbooks

**Date:** August 22, 2023

**Dept:** Districtwide

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**Reason:** Required Vote

**Enclosure:** yes

**Recommendation:**

2023-24 Student & Family Handbook Approval

I recommend approval of the 2023-24 Student and Family Handbooks as detailed.

**Action Requested of the School Committee:**

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

**Vote Tabulator**

C. Bernstein: Y / N    D. McNeill: Y / N

D. Callaghan: Y / N    M. Whitmore: Y / N

Al Charles: Y / N    D Spencer: Y / N

E Stokes: Y / N    Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**Franklin Public Schools**  
**2023-24 Student and Family Handbook Links**

<b><u>SECTION 1: SCHOOL- BASED</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">ECDC Handbook</a>- no substantive changes</li> <li>● <a href="#">Jefferson Handbook</a> - no substantive changes</li> <li>● <a href="#">Helen Keller Handbook</a>- no substantive changes, added a statement in arrival/dismissal section regarding curb ramp and keeping it clean and accessible while cars are idling or parked.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">John F. Kennedy Handbook</a>- no substantive changes</li> <li>● <a href="#">Oak Street Handbook</a> - no substantive changes</li> <li>● <a href="#">Parmenter Handbook</a> - no substantive changes</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Annie Sullivan Handbook</a>-no substantive changes</li> <li>● <a href="#">Horace Mann Handbook</a>- no substantive changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Remington Handbook</a>-no substantive changes</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Franklin High School</a>  <u>Substantive Changes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explanation of Credit Attendance policy</li> <li>● Updated Cell Phone / Electronic Device policy</li> <li>● Updated Academic Dishonesty (Artificial Dishonesty)</li> <li>● Clarity around Bathroom Use policy</li> <li>● Clubs and Activities Fee's explanation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b><u>SECTION 2: LEVEL- BASED</u></b>	<p><a href="#">ECDC Section 2 Policies</a>  <u>Substantive Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No substantive changes</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Elementary Section 2 Policies</a>  <u>Substantive Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No substantive changes</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Middle Level Section 2 Policies</a>  <u>Substantive Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Added info about Smart Watches, clarified dismissal from main office/health office and not using cell phones,</li> <li>● Added AI (academic dishonesty)</li> <li>● Clarified allowing hats/head coverings, but not hoods</li> <li>● Updated immunization info per nurse leader</li> <li>● Moved health curriculum opt out from Section I to 2</li> <li>● Removed summer school option</li> </ul>
	<b><u>SECTION 3: DISTRICT POLICIES</u></b>	<p><a href="#">District Section 3 Policies</a>  <u>Substantive Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updated policies highlighted in blue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nondiscrimination</li> <li>○ Tobacco Products on School Property is Prohibited</li> <li>○ Entrance Age</li> <li>○ Administering Medicine to Students</li> <li>○ Anaphylaxis Procedures</li> </ul> </li> </ul>