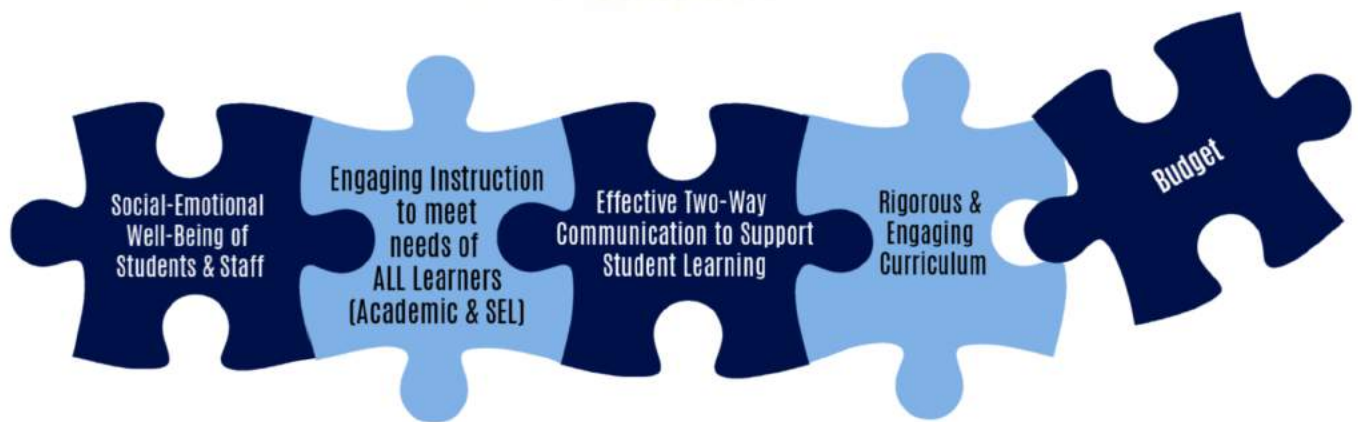


The seal of Franklin, Massachusetts, featuring a portrait of Benjamin Franklin and the motto "INDUSTRY NEED NOT WISH".

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Development and Facts



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Franklin by the Numbers: Data and Facts

- **\$14,276** FY 2019 Per Student Spending vs **\$16,570** State Average*
 - * See the above figures for Franklin's spending per pupil compared with the following examples: Attleboro \$13,575, Canton \$16,005, Foxboro \$17,343, Plymouth \$17,850, Dover-Sherborn \$20,962, Milford \$14,496, Sharon \$16,278, Lincoln-Sudbury \$20,404, Norwood \$16,031, Natick \$15,192
- **\$129,661,331** FY2021 Town Operating Budget
- **\$64,858,500** Franklin Public Schools FY 2020 Approved Budget
 - Level Service Budget: **\$68,231,057**; Superintendent's Recommended Budget: **\$68,767,863**
- **\$74,204** FY2019 Average Teacher Salary (State Average of \$87,072)
- **30 Buses** transport approximately **2825 Students** daily
- **96.1% of FHS Graduates** go on to college/university (2019)
- **#54 Best Public High School** in MA according to Boston Magazine 2019 (**Our ranking in 2018 was #47**)

Did you know...

...expanding roles in schools today include more than teachers, principals, drivers and cafeteria staff? Learn more about the new and evolving roles in public education on the **attached infographic**.

...Franklin Public Schools were ranked #40 for performance but ranked #116 out of 125 in the region for per pupil spending? (Boston Magazine 2017)

...in FY 2019, the School Committee accepted gifts from our PCC's and Boosters totalling over \$136,000 to provide enrichment and support? We are incredibly grateful for this and could not provide the high level of enrichment without it.

...when the State **mandates** initiatives in areas such as Math, ELA, Science and Civics to be made at the District level they **DO NOT include additional funding** to support the implementation?



Upcoming meetings and agendas can be found online

[Click here for the School District Calendar](#)

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Programs Previously Cut

- 1.) Spanish in the Elementary Schools
- 2.) French and Latin in our Middle Schools
- 3.) Music Education in our Middle Schools
- 4.) Elementary Band and Strings Program
- 5.) Librarians in the Elementary and Middle Schools



FY20 Budget Gap Closing Measures

- 1.) Reduced services including supplies, memberships and professional development
- 2.) Reduced positions, including 14 teachers
- 3.) Increased fees for bus transportation, athletics and other extracurricular activities



Needed Investments Not Funded FY21 that approximate \$1,210,000

- 1.) Technology Integration Specialists
- 2.) Curriculum Specialists
- 3.) Technology Replenishment
- 4.) Teachers at FHS to reduce class sizes
- 5.) Secondary Adjustment Counselor(s)



Additional Factors Affecting the Budget

- 1.) Due to the coronavirus pandemic, State budget projections will be delayed until late summer causing much uncertainty during this FY21 budget development process
- 2.) Chapter 70 funding is likely to be reduced with the following possible outcomes: 10% reduction is estimated at \$5,350,888 which could be 50 teaching positions, 15% or 20% reduction could be an additional \$1-2 million, equating to an additional 13-27 positions
- 3.) Reductions of this magnitude are extremely difficult given the direct relationship of the school department's budget to a student's classroom experience and are nearly impossible to make once the school year starts

Probable Impacts of Further Reductions

- 1.) Increased class sizes
- 2.) Fewer student supports
- 3.) Loss of breadth of offerings
- 4.) Loss of extracurricular opportunities
- 5.) Programmatic changes
- 6.) Lower faculty/staff morale





Do you have questions? Would you like more information?
Please reach out to us! Our contact information is available at
www.franklinps.net/district/school-committee
Email the School Committee [HERE](#)

Links to Sources

TOWN BUDGET: <https://www.franklinma.gov/town-budget/pages/fy2021-budget-materials>

SCHOOL BUDGET: <https://www.franklinps.net/district/school-district-budget/pages/fy-2021-budget>

TEACHER SALARIES: <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/statereport/teachersalaries.aspx>

DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION: <https://www.franklinps.net/district/transportation>

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PER PUPIL SPENDING DATA: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/statistics/per-pupil-exp.html>

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