



Franklin Public Schools

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To: Franklin School Committee
From: Sara Ahern, Superintendent of Schools
Date: October 20, 2021
Re: October 1 Enrollment Report

Enrollment data for Franklin Public Schools is being provided to you, as we customarily do every year.

Total enrollment for Franklin Public Schools is presented as compared to the Enrollment Forecast presented by demographer Jerry McKibben in the winter of 2020. Overall, the Franklin Public Schools enrollment approximates that which was forecast in 2020. What is noteworthy, is that some of the elementary schools have higher than projected enrollments and some are lower. This is likely due to pandemic-related effects in the housing market.

Demographic information for the district is also presented. In the past five years, the percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch has increased by 2%. The value for 2020 and 2021 may be slightly inaccurate (low), however, since lunch is provided free to all students as a result of the pandemic. This may have resulted in families not applying, even if they would have qualified. We have also seen an increase in English learners from 71 to 82 in 2021-2022.

Student enrollment by race and ethnicity is also listed for the School Committee's review. We are seeing an increase in racial and ethnic diversity in the District.

Lastly, a chart displays some commonly attended school attendance options for Franklin resident children. We also display the trends over the past five years and point out:

- The increase of students at the elementary level attending the Benjamin Franklin Charter school increased in 2019-2020 expectedly, as this was the year of the school's initial expansion.
- There is an expected increase of middle school students attending the Benjamin Franklin Charter in 2020-2021 as a result of expansion of the school in grade 6.
- Homeschool numbers increased in 2020-2021 as a result of the pandemic (65). While lower in 2021-2022 (60), they remain higher than usual (about 30).
- The large jump in high school students attending public schools other than Franklin in 2020-2021 can largely be attributed to enrollments at the TECCA Virtual Academy, likely due to the pandemic.

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10/1/2021 Student Enrollment VS Enrollment Projections (McKibben & Associates)

Grade	Jeff	Jeff Proj	Keller (+DT)	Keller (+DT) Proj	JFK	JFK Proj	Oak	Oak Proj	Parm	Parm Proj	ECDC	ECDC Proj
PK											129	111
K	46	43	85	85	57	38	51	60	41	64		
1	61	44	84	88	57	39	55	62	44	64		
2	46	43	95	85	37	39	62	63	51	61		
3	62	64	96	98	58	56	65	60	55	50		
4	68	73	77	76	66	73	67	69	45	49		
5	50	48	108	105	65	64	71	68	65	64		
Total	333	315	545	537	340	309	371	382	301	352	129	111

Grade	AS	AS Proj	HM	HM Proj	RM	RM Proj	FHS	FHS Proj
6	107	112	111	110	114	115		
7	92	94	122	121	139	144		
8	130	132	130	135	125	124		
9							390	406
10							413	414
11							427	430
12							437	432
Sp							15	
Total	329	338	363	366	378	383	1682	1682

	Elem Total	Elem Proj	MS Total	MS Proj	HS Total	HS Proj
Total	2019	2006	1070	1087	1682	1682
Difference	+13		-17		even	

Franklin Public Schools Demographic Information October 2021				
School	Free / Reduced meals Percentage	504 Plan Percentage	Students with Disabilities Percentage	ELL Count / Percentage
ECDC	n/a	0%	31%	0 0%
Jefferson	11%	5%	22%	8 2%
Keller	23%	3%	18%	17 3%
JF Kennedy	9%	3%	17%	7 2%
Oak Street	17%	3%	13%	8 2%
Parmenter	33%	1%	18%	10 3%
Horace Mann	12%	6%	18%	1 0%
Annie Sullivan	24%	7%	19%	11 3%
Remington	23%	6%	22%	7 2%
High School	12%	10%	14%	13 1%
District 2021	16%	6%	17%	82 2%
District 2020	14%	6%	16%	71 1%
District 2019	13%	6%	17%	1%
District 2018	14%	6%	18%	2%
District 2017	14%	7%	15%	1%

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Student Race/Ethnicity Percentages by School

School	African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Caucasian	Hispanic or Latino	Multi-Race non-Hispanic	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
ECDC	2.36%	0.00%	22.05%	71.65%	0.79%	3.94%	0.00%
Jefferson	4.20%	0.00%	6.01%	86.79%	6.01%	2.40%	0.60%
Keller	2.39%	0.37%	3.49%	90.28%	6.06%	2.39%	1.10%
JFK	0.00%	0.29%	5.88%	90.29%	4.41%	1.18%	2.35%
Oak St.	2.15%	0.00%	8.87%	84.95%	5.91%	3.76%	0.27%
Parmenter	5.98%	0.00%	5.32%	84.72%	9.30%	2.99%	1.00%
Horace Mann	1.65%	0.00%	6.04%	88.46%	4.12%	2.75%	1.10%
Annie Sullivan	4.28%	0.31%	4.59%	89.60%	5.81%	0.31%	0.92%
Remington	2.65%	0.00%	7.14%	88.62%	7.14%	1.32%	0.26%
High School	1.98%	0.24%	7.67%	87.41%	4.50%	2.16%	0.54%
District 2021	2.50%	0.17%	6.90%	87.44%	5.36%	2.21%	0.78%
District 2020	2.00%	0.00%	6.00%	86.00%	3.00%	2.00%	1.00%
District 2019	2.00%	0.00%	6.00%	85.00%	4.00%	2.00%	1.00%
District 2018	2.00%	0.10%	6.00%	89.00%	0.00%	2.00%	0.80%
District 2017	2.00%	0.10%	5.00%	90.00%	1.00%	2.00%	0.50%

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Franklin Residents attending selected other schools by grade

School	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School	30	38	38	44	45	44	48	39	37				
Bishop Feehan										8	5	9	10
Homeschooled	2	7	3	9	8	8	11	3	5	5	1	2	0
Norfolk Agricultural HS										2	3	3	5
Tri-County RVTHS										42	36	38	45
Xaverian Bros. HS								0	0	8	13	10	10
Mount St. Charles							1	2	1	4	3	3	1
The Sage School	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mercymount Country Day	1	0	3	3	1	2	1	3	3				
School Choice Sending total: 42.2 FTE <i>(from DESE web site)</i>													

These numbers are from the School Attending Children Report from Spring 2021 with the exception of Homeschooled children, which was gathered this fall 2021.

**Franklin Resident Children not attending FPS
5 year trend**

**ELEMENTARY DATA
(Grades K-5)**

Category	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Vocational	0	0	0	0	0
Charter	249	228	206	259	239
Public Schools (out of district)	27	18	14	11	8
Home schooled	18	25	20	14	42
In State Private/Parochial	7	13	16	20	13
Out of State Private/Parochial	13	0	12	8	10
Totals	314	284	268	312	312

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DATA
(Grades 6-8)**

Category	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Vocational	0	0	0	0	0
Charter	104	93	103	112	124
Public Schools (out of district)	19	16	9	6	12
Home schooled	9	6	4	11	17
In State Private/Parochial	12	28	27	11	15
Out of State Private/Parochial	12	3	10	12	11
Totals	156	146	153	152	179

**HIGH SCHOOL DATA
(Grades 9-12)**

Category	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Vocational	195	196	198	179	174
Charter	0	0	0	0	0
Public Schools (out of district)	28	8	9	10	33
Home schooled	2	4	4	4	6
In State Private/Parochial	140	119	102	92	94
Out of State Private/Parochial	26	14	14	9	11
Out of State Private/Parochial - Special Ed.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	391	341	327	294	318
Franklin Public Schools enrollment	5437	5330	5234	5080	4846