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FRANKLIN SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-24

Franklin School and the Dwight Schools Global Network

Founded in 1872 in New York, Dwight School has expanded globally with world-renowned independent schools in London, Seoul, Shanghai, Dubai, online – and now in Jersey City, NJ, with Franklin School.

About Franklin School

Established in 2022, Franklin School is a cutting-edge institution designed with an innovative approach to education. As a vibrant intellectual community, Franklin prides itself on offering a challenging transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary academic program that encourages critical thinking, creativity, and research-driven learning. Franklin has been recognized for its diverse curriculum offerings, innovative programs, and rigorous teaching and assessment processes.

"Everything observed at Franklin invokes the feeling that the school is committed to practices that will grow the 'change makers' of tomorrow. ...Franklin School's teaching and learning practices are reflective of excellence in education. The school utilizes curricula they developed and advanced systems are in place to ensure their students are provided with programs and lessons that reflect desired outcomes for each class, their profile of a graduate, and the mission of the school. The school takes great pride in ensuring cross-curricular collaboration for the development of programs that provide students with real-world skills."

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

School Community

Franklin is dedicated to creating a culture of compassion, empathy, and understanding as a lived experience, as well as a learned one. We inspire students to embrace the diversity of Jersey City and the surrounding regions and to enrich community connections through Community Service and Action Programs.

2022

Year
established

77

Current student
enrollment

3

Students in the
Class of 2024

53%

Students
of color

Academics

At Franklin School, we believe in empowering our students to take charge of their education. Our curriculum is distinguished for its rigor, as well as for offering students extensive choices. They can select from a diverse range of academically challenging electives, industry-specific micro-courses, and college-level extension courses designed by our experienced and highly qualified faculty. Moreover, we offer exceptional opportunities for students to delve into research projects such as our Franklin Capstone Continuum (grades 9-12) and participate in global STEM challenges and workshops. These offerings provide further enrichment to the already robust and academically rigorous core program.



Distinctive Programs

Franklin Student Ventures encourage students to immerse themselves in a one-of-a-kind incubator learning experience designed to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills. Students receive time and mentorship to imagine, develop, pitch, and launch their own passion projects by moving through the incubator's proven processes.

Franklin Electives are year-long courses taught by industry leaders, qualified practitioners, and experienced educators. In these courses, students are provided with engaging learning opportunities which expose them to real-world experiences and rigorous content.

Franklin Micro-courses, similar to electives, provide students with the opportunity to work with industry leaders, qualified practitioners, and proven educators. These courses are structured to cultivate industry-specific skills that are essential to succeed in the most competitive employment fields.

Franklin's Academic Care Program provides all students with mentoring, social and emotional support, and sustained personalized academic skill development. The program and its principles are threaded throughout every aspect of a student's day at Franklin. This is achieved by creating academic check-in protocols, small mentoring teams, peer-support groups, and regular feedback and data collection. Students also experience specially designed workshops embedded within Franklin's Skills Curriculum classes.

Franklin's Skills Curriculum is designed to promote critical, creative, and innovative thinking; the adept use of technology; and enhanced interpersonal skills to prepare students to be productive collaborators and active global citizens who will be the change agents for future economies and global societies.

The Franklin Capstone is designed to highlight the personal interest areas, skill sets, and knowledge that students develop throughout their high school years, providing them with a system that promotes critical and creative problem-solving, and higher-order thinking, while challenging them to make authentic interdisciplinary connections.

Franklin's Public Speaking Program is a four-year communication development program. Students focus on speaking, presenting, and all forms of oral communication using embodied cognition to help create behavioral change and improve communication in any setting.



Rigor of Franklin Courses

RIGOROUS

STANDARD (STD)

Standard courses are the most academically accessible courses at Franklin. These are courses without an additional designation (Honors, AP, Advanced, or College Level). With the exception of math and world language, only standard courses are offered to freshmen to help ensure their smooth transition to high school. Standard courses continue to be an option for students throughout their high school career.

HONORS (HON)

Honors courses provide students with enrichment, extension, and acceleration. Honors-level courses are available to students for math and world language in grades 9-12 and for other core subject areas in grades 10-12.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

AP courses were offered to our students in 2022-23, and will be in 2023-24, through our affiliate, Dwight Global Online School.

Students in grades 11-12 may replace their core Franklin courses with Dwight Global AP courses if a similar course is not offered on-site.

ADVANCED

Advanced courses are offered on-site at Franklin and are equivalent in rigor, depth, and breadth to AP courses. These courses are designed to encourage students' application of content through exposure to interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary opportunities. Students who take Advanced courses are encouraged to take the AP exam at the end of the school year.

MOST RIGOROUS

Note: Due to the rigor of our standard and honors classes, AP and Advanced courses are only offered to students in grades 9-10 under extraordinary circumstances.

Graduation Requirements

Academic Area	Requirement
English	4 years
Mathematics	4 years
Social Studies	4 years
Lab Science	4 years
World Language	4 years
Design and Technology	3 years
Visual and Performing Arts	2 years
Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurship Literacy	1 year
Physical Education	2 years
Skills and Franklin Capstone	Ongoing throughout enrollment
Micro-courses and Electives	Ongoing throughout enrollment

Grading System

Percent Grade with Letter and GPA Conversion Scale		
Percent Range	Letter Grade	GPA
97-100	A+	4.0
93-96	A	4.0
90-92	A-	3.7
87-89	B+	3.3
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.7
77-79	C+	2.3
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.7
67-69	D+	1.3
63-66	D	1.0
60-62	D-	0.7
0-59	F	0

Courses Not Factored into the GPA

Micro-course Grading

Pass

Fail

Skills Curriculum Grading

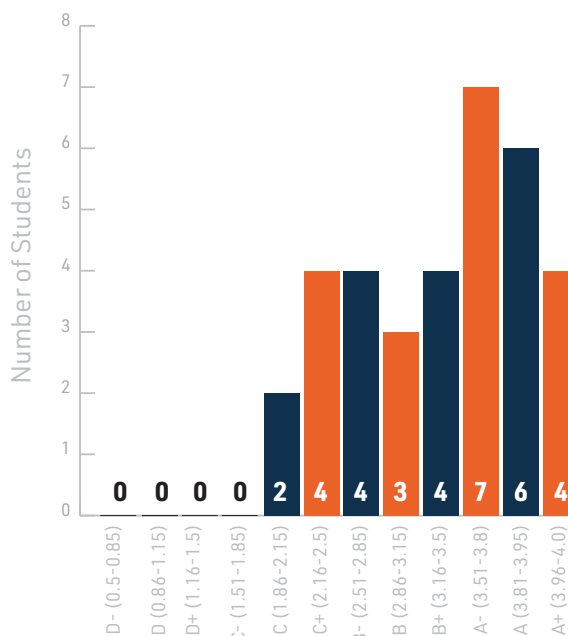
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Incomplete = INC

Cumulative GPA is unweighted and calculated at the end of each school year. Franklin does not rank students.

GPA Distribution for 2022-23

The distribution below shows the grade point average for all students in grades 9-11 for the 2022-23 school year.



Average Letter Grade/GPA Range





Course Offerings 2023-24

ENGLISH

English I
English II (Std & Hon)
English III (Std & Hon)
English IV (Std & Hon)
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition

MICRO-COURSES

Broadcast Journalism
Storytelling Through Journalism
Franklin Student Ventures
Illustration
Printmaking
Visual Storytelling
Illustrated Storytelling
Principles of Architecture
Sustainable Fashion
Fashion Business
Creative Writing
Introduction to Graphic Design
Industry Insiders
Introduction to Electronic Music Synthesis

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Introduction to World History
World History (Std & Hon)

US History (Std & Hon)
AP World History: Modern
AP US History
AP Government & Politics
Advanced Comparative Government & Politics
AP European History

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Digital Design & Fabrication
Design & Computational Media (Std & Advanced)
Physical Computing
AP Computer Science Principles

VISUAL ARTS

Introduction to Studio Art
Studio Art
Graphic Design

MATHEMATICS

Math I
Math II (Std & Hon)
Math III (Std & Hon)
Algebra II & Trigonometry
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Statistics (Std & AP)
Multivariable Calculus (College Level)

LAB SCIENCES

Biology (Std)
Biology with a Concentration in Anatomy & Physiology (Hon)
Chemistry (Std & Hon)
Physics (Std & Hon)
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C: Mechanics

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

PHE I
PHE II
Personal Physical Activity Programming
Health Science Seminar

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III (Std & Hon)
Spanish IV (Std & Hon)
AP Spanish Language & Culture
French I
French II
French III (Std & Hon)
French IV (Std & Hon)

Introduction to Francophone Literature
AP French Language & Culture
Mandarin I (Std & Hon)
Mandarin II (Std & Hon)
Mandarin III (Std & Hon)
Mandarin IV (Std & Hon)
AP Chinese Language & Culture

ELECTIVES

AP Microeconomics
Introduction to Psychology
The Ten Greatest Theories of Psychology
Drawing & Painting
Creative Applications of Artificial Intelligence
Exploring STEM Concepts in the Modern World
Innovation at Play: Toy Design