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The Franklin School of Innovation is a nonprofit, tuition-free public charter school serving Asheville and the greater western region of North Carolina.

### Partnerships

EL Education  
Outward Bound  
Asheville Greenworks  
Habitat for Humanity  
Warren Wilson College  
Riverlink  
Mountain True  
DEN-Air Quality

*Dual Enrollment with*  
AB Tech &  
UNCA

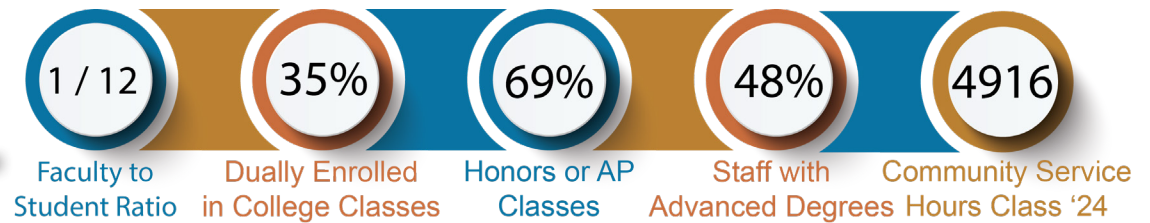
EL creates classrooms where teachers can fulfill their highest aspirations and students achieve more than they think possible, becoming active contributors to building a better world.

**CEEB: 340131**

**Our Mission:** To prepare the next generation of leaders, capable of solving problems and participating effectively and ethically as local and global citizens. Through challenging academics, real-world learning, and community engagement, our students discover their potential, develop resilience, and recognize the value of others. Our graduates are ready for the future they will create.

**Academics:** FSI utilizes an EL Education learning model. This includes evidence-based practices in literacy, inquiry-based mathematics, and data-driven instruction. FSI engages in a challenging, college preparatory curriculum designed by highly trained and dedicated faculty. Crew represents our commitment to being a community where everyone is valued and productive. During crew students engage in lessons focused on character and service as well as academic and behavioral goal setting. They also set goals, reflect on their growth and prepare for student led conferences and passage presentations that take place at the end of 8th, 10th and 12th grades. Students are encouraged to engage in our Habits of Scholarship:

**LEADERSHIP • COLLABORATION • PERSISTENCE • INQUIRY • ETHICS • ACTION**



## Curriculum

25 credits required, 4 credits in each core subject and 9 credits from electives

**English**  
English I-IV  
AP English Language  
AP English Literature

**Math**  
Math I-IV  
AP Precalculus  
AP Statistics  
AP Calculus AB

**Semester Long Electives**  
Technical Theatre  
Improv  
Student Written & Produced Plays  
Business Principles  
Forensics Honors  
Sustainability  
Adventure Education  
Advanced PE I-II  
Weightlifting & Conditioning  
Mindfulness & Mindful Movement  
Business Principles  
Poetry & Philosophy  
Restorative Justice  
Creative Writing  
Intro to Drafting  
Youth-Led Participatory Action Research  
Public Speaking  
Yearbook  
Multicultural Studies Honors  
Film Studies  
Filmmaking Honors  
Psychology  
Current Affairs / Model UN I-II

**Yearlong Electives**  
Choir  
Modern Orchestra I-IV  
Music Theory  
Visual Art I-IV  
3D Art: Sculpture & Ceramics  
AP Studio Art: 2D Design  
Theatre Arts I  
Advanced Theatre Arts II-IV  
Intro to Computer Science  
NC Life Sciences  
Spanish I-V  
French I-IV  
Health & PE  
AP Seminar  
AP Research  
AP Comp Sci Principles  
Independent Study or Research Project

**AP Capstone Diploma**  
AP seminar  
AP research  
four other AP courses  
AP exam or portfolio score of 3 or higher for all six AP courses

**Social Studies**  
World History  
Civics  
Economics & Personal Finance  
American History  
AP US Government

**Honors**  
English I-II  
Math I-III  
World History  
Civics  
American History  
Earth & Environmental Science  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Spanish III-V  
French III-IV  
Forensics  
Filmmaking

**Science**  
Earth & Environmental Science  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Forensic Science  
Intro to Computer Science  
NC Life Sciences  
AP Earth & Environmental Science  
AP Computer Science

**AP Courses**  
Total of 10  
AP courses offered

### Grading Scale and GPA

Honors courses carry an additional .5 points and (AP) courses carry an additional 1 point. Grade Point Averages are reported on a 4.0 scale.

A	90-100 : 4 quality points
B	80-89 : 3 quality points
C	70-79 : 2 quality points
D	60-69 : 1 quality point
F	59-below : 0 quality points

### Testing Summary

Median Score for the ACT is 21

Year	Composite	Math	Science	STEM	English	Reading
22-23	21.3	19.8	21.7	20.7	20.4	22.8
21-22	21.0	19.6	21.2	20.6	20.2	23.4
20-21	20.5	18.5	20.1	19.6	20.1	22.8
19-20	20.4	19.1	20.9	20.2	19.3	22.0

### Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Math
- 4 credits Social Sciences
- 4 credits Science
- 1 credit health or PE
- 6 elective credits

Two elective credits in arts concentration required, two in world languages highly encouraged

50 hours of community service

Senior Passage Project

### AP Summary

Students may only enroll in AP courses in grades 10-12. Limit 1 AP course in 10th. Limit 3 in 11th and 12th grade respectively

AP Test Score	Scored a 3, 4 or 5	Scored a 4 or 5
2024	68%	31%
2023	66%	29%
2022	64%	25%
2021	49%	29%
2020	65%	23%
2019	50%	22%

#### # of students enrolled in AP courses

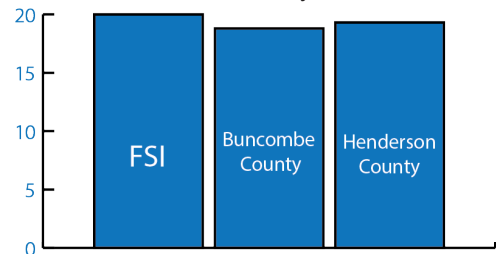
2024:	42%
2023:	45%
2022:	47%
2021:	42%
2020:	33%

### Total Students in Grades 5-12: 727

Seniors	68	White	78%
Juniors	88	Multi-Racial	6%
Sophomores	95	Hispanic	10%
Freshmen	96	African American	3%
HS Total	347	Asian	1%

### Diversity vs county demographics

Franklin School of Innovation 20%  
Buncombe County 18.8%  
Henderson County 19.31%



### High School Community Overview

Average class size (23), faculty to student ratio (1:12)

28% in High School Athletics, 24% participate in Visual Arts, 17% participate in Theatre, 23% Participate in Musical Performance, 33% of seniors had 100 or more community service hours in 2023, 100% of students participate in Expeditionary Learning with our community partners.

Only EL School in North Carolina. 1 of 3 EL secondary schools in the South Eastern United States.

### College Acceptances

65% matriculation to 4-year institutions; 88% to 4-year and 2-year institutions

Agnes Scott College	Endicott College	Purdue	University of Georgia
Appalachian State University	Fort Lewis University	Radford University	University of Maryland
Bard College	Furman University	Ringling College of Art and Design	UMass Amherst
Bennington College	Gardener-Webb University	Roanoke College	University of Minnesota
Berklee College of Music	Gaucher College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of New Hampshire
Boise State University	George Mason University	Seton Hall University	University of Pittsburgh
Bryn Mawr College	Gonzaga University	Skidmore College	University of San Francisco
Centre College	Hampden-Sydney College	Smith College	University of South Carolina
Cleveland Institute of Music	High Point University	Temple University	University of Vermont
College of Charleston	Ithaca College	The New School of New York	Warren Wilson College
Colorado College	Kenyon College	UNC Chapel Hill	Washington College
Colorado State	Mount Holyoke College	8 other UNC Colleges	Washington and Lee
Connecticut College	NC School of the Arts	University College of Dublin	Western Colorado University
DigiPen Institute of Technology	NC State University	University of Alabama	Western Washington University
Drexel University	New Hampshire University	University of California Santa Cruz	Whitman College
Duke University	Oregon State	University of Colorado	William & Mary College
Eckerd College	Penn State	University of Colorado Boulder	Wofford College
Elon University	Prescott College	University of Denver	Xavier University