

July 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to 7th Grade at The Franklin School of Innovation! It is very exciting to start the new school year with what we know is a stellar class of returning students, and we look forward to meeting all the new faces as well. Beyond introducing ourselves and saying, “Welcome!” We also want to take this opportunity to review some expectations we have for our students and families, and in turn let you know what you can expect from us.

From students, we expect everyone to help contribute to a positive classroom culture. A positive classroom culture is one where we speak and listen respectfully, maintain a growth mindset, arrive prepared to work and learn, and take care of our campus and materials. We expect students to follow the guidelines of our school handbook and to show every adult at school the same respect they show their classroom teachers.

From our parents, we ask for your patience and support as much as you can offer it. Please remember that when you approach us about conflicts, concerns, or the needs of your child, our goals are the same as yours: we want the best for them! Let’s show students that we are working together towards our common goals and provide a model of cooperation through this process.

From your teachers, you should expect us to know your child as an individual. We will strive to make personal connections with every student and to push every student towards academic and personal growth. You can expect us to make decisions based upon your child’s best interest and to get timely communication from us when a concern arises or if you email or call us with a concern of your own. You can expect us to help, to guide, to encourage, to model the values and behaviors we teach, and to push students to do more than they ever thought they could.

We are very excited to kick off what we hope will be the best year yet at Franklin. As school commences, you should look for more information from each teacher regarding his or her class. In the meantime, here is a brief overview of our core classes to get you started:

English-Language Arts

Students in ELA will be studying various books and texts throughout the year that focus on real-world issues. They will continue to develop skills learned in 6th grade, such as gathering textual evidence to support claims, analyzing texts, and using language dives to deconstruct sentence structures within a text. Group work and discussion will be a significant part of class, and students will learn how to work together to produce high-quality work, both individually and as a team. We will continue to use writing strategies that will help them organize their ideas, establish claims, and write well-reasoned, thoughtful essays. Students will revise their work using peer review and Habits of Character, which we will study throughout the year. I hope that students will use their critical thinking skills to think deeply about the texts and

grapple with new concepts that inspire them to think about how they can impact their community in a positive, productive way.

Science

Seventh-grade Junior Scientists engage in scientific practices and ways of thinking. We will build on the inquiry skills they developed in sixth grade by strengthening their abilities to form explanations based on evidence, use models to understand phenomena, and design and conduct experiments. We will explore physical life and earth science, topics including cells, genetics, human body systems, force and motion, electricity and magnetism, and weather and climate. Students will apply their math and literacy skills in science as we work with graphs and elements of scale and practice non-fiction reading and scientific writing throughout the year. My hope for every student is that they maintain an attitude of curiosity as we work to answer questions about the natural world.

Math

In 7th-grade math, students will build on prior knowledge to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts and problem-solving strategies. Throughout the year, students will work with rational numbers, including integers, fractions, decimals, and percentages, and apply these skills to solve real-world problems involving proportional relationships. Students will explore algebraic expressions and equations, solve multi-step problems, and investigate geometric concepts such as area, circumference, surface area, and volume. They will also study statistics and probability by collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data, comparing data sets, and making predictions based on experimental and theoretical probability. Students will be assessed by class assignments, quizzes, and projects.

Social Studies

Seventh-grade Junior Historians will continue to build on the knowledge and skills they investigated in 6th grade with an examination of the world from the Age of Exploration to the modern day. I am looking forward to a very rewarding year for your child in their academic endeavors. My goal is to help each student succeed to his or her fullest potential, and I will do what I can to make sure that happens. Students will be challenged to work on study habits or habits of scholarship skills in the next year. We will focus on geography by continuing to apply the themes used in 6th grade of location, place, movement, human-environment, and region. Students will deepen their understanding of the role of these various themes by examining the many factors that have influenced the modern world and the impact they've had on global interconnectedness. Students will be evaluated based on their individual and group in-class participation, research projects, and presentations. It is important that students remain informed citizens. We will meet this expectation by watching or reading world news tailored for the consumption of students.

Finally, thank you for choosing to entrust our team with your child's education. We can't wait to get to know them and to watch them grow. Please feel free to be in touch with us as needs arise, and we will do the same. It's going to be an exceptional year!

All the Best,
7th Grade Team

7th Grade Course Supply List

2026-2027 School Year

We are so excited to work with you and your student in the coming school year! When students have all of their supplies ready for the beginning of school, we are able to jump into deeper learning from day one.

Please note that your students may or may not be in all of the classes listed for each grade level.

7th Grade					
ELA	Social Studies		Science	Math	All
<u>Required:</u> *Small 3-ring binder. *Folder *Loose-leaf notebook paper *#2 Pencils *Ultra Fine Sharpies *Sticky Notes *Colored Pencils *Composition journal(<i>Similar to the image below</i>) (This composition book cannot be shared with another class)  <u>Recommended:</u> *Highlighters *Scissors *Hand held Pencil Sharpener	<u>Required:</u> *3-ring binder (1 Inch) with/ at least 9 dividers *Composition journal(<i>Similar to the image below</i>) (This composition book cannot be shared with another class) 		<u>Required:</u> *3-ring binder (1 Inch) *One Composition Book (<i>Similar to the image below</i>) (This composition book cannot be shared with another class)  *Pencils <u>Recommended:</u> *Colored Pencil *Ruler *Calculator used for math class	<u>Required</u> *LOTS of pencils *3-ring 1-inch binder *Composition notebook (cannot be shared with another class)  *Calculator - Preferably Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS *Planner <u>Recommended:</u> *Protractor *Compass *Ruler	-Water bottle (filled at home every morning!) -Small notebook (to be used as a Crew journal) -<u>Suggested:</u> personal planner
Theatre	P.E.	Art			
Number 2 pencils One one-pocket folder	-Sneakers - no boots or Crocs allowed on the gym floor. -Water bottle	Please arrive to art with a passion to create and a good attitude			

Summer Reading List:*Divergent by Veronica Roth**The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin**Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan**Booked by Kwame Alexander**The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez**The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro**The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien**The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne**A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson**Ghost by Jason Reynolds**The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton**The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury**Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel**The Call of the Wild by Jack London**The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Zelnick**Brave New World by Aldous Huxley***Classroom Shared Supplies (Donations appreciated!)**

- Pens/ Pencils
- Markers/ Colored pencils
- Boxes of tissues
- Whiteboard markers/Expo Markers
- Whiteboard erasers
- Glue sticks
- Scotch tape refills
- Calculators
- Binder Clips
- Highlighters
- Fine-Tip Black Sharpies

Our Wish list, if you would like to donate additional supplies:

- Colored Sharpies
- Fine-tip black Sharpies
- 11x17 copy paper
- Card Stock
- Healthy snacks for kiddos (granola bars, etc.)
- #2 pencils
- Disinfectant wipes
- Expo Markers/Erasers

Teacher Wish List Items (Optional for all grades):

*If you would like to support our school classrooms, we would love donations of any of the following items at the beginning or throughout the school year:

- Post-It Super Sticky Easel Pads (These are the big ones. Approximately 25 X 30 inches)
- Donations of any of the student supplies to support families with financial needs
- Extra 3-ring binders
- Extra 8 3/8 x 11 inch, 80-page composition books
- Extra Composition books
- Extra 2 subject spiral-bound notebooks

**Materials For Art Class:**

- 1 box of pre-sharpened pencils or a package of mechanical pencils
- 1 package of eraser caps (to use at the eraser end of a pencil)
- 1 box quart-size Ziploc storage bags
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 package of thin BLACK Sharpies
- 1 package of white art erasers
- 1 Liquid dishwashing soap (for cleaning cups, brushes, & palettes)
- 1 package of glue sticks
- 2 rolls of paper towels

>These supplies will be combined with many other supplies and equipment provided by the school, such as clay, glazes, paints, pastels, papers, markers, brushes, and much more!

If you are interested in gifting supplies to the Middle School Art classroom, below is a list of needed items:

- Scissors
- Colored Sharpies of all sizes

Thank you so much for your support in helping your student be ready for the beginning of school. If you have any questions about supplies, if you have supplies to donate, or if you need supplies, please feel free to reach out to the individual instructors of each course.