



FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Franklin County Public Schools is ready to begin planning for the 2021-2022 school year and we recognize that every family has different needs and expectations for their child(ren)'s education. We hope that this information will help you to plan the best option for your child(ren) next school year.

Franklin County in-person students will continue with instruction 5 days a week in the 2021-2022 school year. Some families want their child(ren) to remain connected to the local school, but find virtual learning to be the best match for their child(ren). Going forward, we want to provide a variety of options for our students' families. Franklin County Public Schools, in partnership with Virtual Virginia and the Virginia Department of Education, will be offering an online option using Virginia certified teachers for students in grades K-5 beginning Fall 2021. Virtual Virginia tuition will be covered by Franklin County Public Schools. Benjamin Franklin Middle School and Franklin County High School will offer their own Virtual Academy using Franklin County Virginia certified teachers.

Applications for the Elementary Virtual Option are due to your child(ren)'s principal by Friday, **May 14, 2021, at 4:00pm**. Virtual applications for Benjamin Franklin Middle School and Franklin County High School are due to the school principal by **Friday, April 2, 2021, at 4:00pm**. If you are undecided, we recommend that you register for the virtual option because no late applications will be accepted. Once the school approves your child's application to the virtual academy, you will be asked to sign a letter of commitment.

Additional information about the virtual options can be found on the division website at frco.k12.va.us. If you have questions, please contact your child(ren)'s school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bernice Cobbs
Division Superintendent