

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



PARENT HANDBOOK

SCHOOL HOURS

Playground Opens	7:50 a.m.
First Bell	8:10 a.m.
Tardy Bell	8:15 a.m.
Dismissal Bell	2:45 p.m.
Wednesday Early Dismissal.....	12:45 p.m.

Franklin at Alma
1313 W. Medina Ave.
Mesa, Arizona 85202
(480) 472-3900

Franklin at Brimhall
4949 E. Southern Ave.
Mesa, Arizona 85206
(480) 472-2600

Franklin East
1753 East 8th Avenue
Mesa, Arizona 85204
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Franklin West
236 South Serrine
Mesa, Arizona 85210
(480) 472-5400

Mesa Public Schools

Franklin Schools

Established 1978

Vision

Known nationally as the premier school in academic excellence.

Mission

To educate students in a positive learning environment with high expectations and an accelerated curriculum.

Benjamin Franklin

It is our hope that each child at Franklin School will become a student of our school's namesake, Benjamin Franklin. From time to time, students have an opportunity to share with others interesting facts about this most remarkable man.

Facts surrounding Benjamin Franklin's life:

- born in Boston, Massachusetts on January 17, 1706
- attended school for only 2 years until the age of 10
- studied on his own and learned 5 foreign languages
- served as an apprentice to his older brother and learned the art of printing
- published the Pennsylvania Gazette
- married Deborah Read in 1730 and had 3 children
- the only man to sign the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance with France, the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, and the Constitution of the United States
- the oldest delegate to the Constitutional Convention
- published Poor Richard's Almanac
- experimented with electricity and invented the lightning rod
- died April 17, 1790 and is buried in Philadelphia

PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the Franklin Schools is to emphasize the teaching of basic skills and information. Its purposes are to:

- emphasize the teaching of reading, writing, and math
- instill a sense of pride in and respect for self, others, and country
- equip students with the necessary skills to become decision makers and problem solvers
- support student needs with social emotional learning
- prepare students for college, career, and community
- foster an atmosphere of acceptance of all students
- coordinate home and school efforts in providing a solid education foundation for students

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

Franklin Elementary Schools are a part of Mesa Public Schools. They are parent choice schools open to all students on a first come, first serve basis. The original Franklin campus opened its doors at 236 S. Surrine to approximately 400 students on August 28, 1978, more than two years after discussion began to establish such a school. The concept of the school was suggested by a citizen's group called People for Basic Education. Starting in January of 1978, parents and school staff worked together to develop proposals for all aspects of Benjamin Franklin School.

The original facility, currently Franklin West, was built in 1949 as Webster Elementary School which served for a time as the social studies/science building for the original Mesa High School and was also a holding school for various elementary schools under construction until 1975 when it became a neighborhood school. The name Benjamin Franklin was assigned to the building after the razing of the original Franklin School near Mesa Drive and Main Street. The original location for Mesa Public School's basic alternative school was to be the current Irving school site. The school board decided to shift the location to the Franklin site on Surrine to avoid concern from parents in the area who did not wish to send their children to an alternative program.

In response to parent interest, the Governing Board voted to expand the Franklin program in 1982, by adding additional classes for kindergarten through sixth grade to accommodate 520 students. Further expansion of the school occurred in May of 1983 which paved the way for more than 800 students to attend Benjamin Franklin Elementary School during the 1983-84 school year.

THE PARENT ORGANIZATION

The Franklin Parent Organization (FPO) is a very important element of each Franklin School. All parents become members of the FPO, are required to participate on school committees, and voluntarily contribute annual donations. This provides funds for the organization to ensure the smooth ongoing operation of the school. Each site's FPO has an elected board and officers, which meets monthly to provide insight and advice on matters of policy and concern. Appointed representatives are added to the council as needed. All parents of Franklin School students are invited and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. Meeting dates are published in the school newsletter. Please feel free to contact members of the Franklin Parent Council.

As a result of a decision by the Governing Board, Franklin School was moved to 1753 E. 8th Avenue in 1991. Twelve new classrooms were constructed and fourteen more were renovated on the Parkway campus. Parkway School had been a separate special education school since 1977. To accommodate the students on the waiting list, the Governing Board voted to reopen the original Surrine site, creating the West Campus. In August 1992 another 500 students began experiencing the Franklin program. In 1994 and 1995, the program was expanded again to offer 7th grade and 8th grades on a smaller campus on South Lewis near Franklin West.

The Franklin program was again expanded by the Governing Board in 1997 when the decision was made to open the Northeast campus on Adobe and Power Roads in Mesa: kindergarten through 7th grade with a subsequent addition of 8th grade. Franklin West became a kindergarten through 8th grade program when the students from the Lewis campus joined the West campus. The bussing of students to the three Franklin campuses began in August 1997.

Franklin South located at 5005 East Southern was opened in August for the 1999-2000 school year to an additional 400 students. The Governing Board made a decision to focus on elementary education and phased out the Franklin Junior High programs until 2009 when the junior high was reinstated next to the Franklin Northeast campus.

Franklin at Alma was opened in August of 2010 as part of the Governing Boards' Defining the Future measures. Franklin Northeast, Franklin South, and the Franklin Junior High were consolidated and relocated to form Franklin at Brimhall and Franklin Junior High School in August 2012. Students are enrolled at the Franklin Junior High based on their elementary school history, recommendation from their sixth grade teacher, and standardized test scores.

School Policies Section

ATTENDANCE

If your child is ill, or for any other reason will not attend school for the day, please let the school know as soon as possible. It is very important that your child be in attendance every possible day. Absences create major obstacles for teachers and inhibit academic growth for both those absent and those who have to have learning delayed because of makeup instruction being given. Parents are expected to plan family vacations during school breaks. Please do not use children for babysitting during the school day or schedule student health appointments during school time. If students are absent, they are given two school days for every school day of absence to make up missed work. Classwork and homework will not be given to students, siblings, or parents before the student returns from an absence. Students must maintain good standing in daily attendance to ensure continued participation at Franklin Elementary School.

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, & SKATEBOARDS

A bike rack is available for students who ride bicycles and scooters to school. To prevent thefts, parents should make sure children have and use bicycle locks. Contact the school office to determine the storage of skateboards. We encourage children to wear helmets as a standard safety precaution. Students are not permitted to ride on the school campus.

CAFETERIA

Breakfast and/or lunches may be purchased. Students bringing their lunches may also purchase milk. If your child buys lunch, please check regularly to be sure that there is lunch money available. Free or reduced lunch applications are available on the food and nutrition website. Parents are welcome to eat with their children anytime.

CELL PHONES

Student cell phones and other electronic equipment that are visible, ring, chime, or otherwise go off, or that are used while on the school campus or on school buses, will be confiscated. Confiscated cell phones and other electronic equipment will be locked in the office and will only be released to a parent or guardian.

All other types of electronic equipment or expensive personal items must be left at home. We cannot be responsible for theft or damage. These items are a distraction to learning.

DAILY SCHEDULE

THE FIRST BELL RINGS 5 MINUTES BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS. Your child should be at school before the first bell. Children are not to be at school before 7:50 a.m. unless they are participating in a school activity.

All students are dismissed early on Wednesday. Minimal supervision is provided before and after school.

Parents must pick up their students immediately after school.

DAMAGE/LOSS OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

If a student damages or loses school property, parents will be billed for replacement or restoration costs. The school expects parents to teach their children personal responsibility by insisting on respect for public property.

DISCIPLINE AT FRANKLIN

Please teach your children that the Franklin Schools have a highly disciplined, tightly structured, calm and orderly atmosphere where respect, courtesy, and kindness are expected. To ensure this, teachers establish and teach both school and classroom rules. Consequences for inappropriate behavior are progressive, however egregious acts will result in severe consequences. Communication between home and school is an important part of an effective disciplinary program.

Under most circumstances the following is followed:

Level 1 - warning from teacher or supervisor

Level 2 - teacher discipline

Level 3 - teacher discipline, parent notified

Level 4 - mandatory teacher, parent, child conference

Level 5 - principal discipline

Level 6 - mandatory principal, parent, teacher, child conference

Level 7 - temporary suspension for less than five days (student, parent, teacher, principal conference required)

Level 8 - long term suspension (more than five days), due process procedures will be followed as prescribed in district policies.

Students are subject to the **MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR** which are provided at the beginning of each school year. Students must comply with all policies, rules, and regulations of the district and school to maintain good standing and ensure continued participation at Franklin Elementary School.

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DRESS CODE

Parents are to teach children that Franklin students dress in a neat, attractive fashion reflecting pride in themselves and in their school. The dress code is established to help ensure an atmosphere conducive to study. Pride in student dress and personal appearance is one of the observable differences at Franklin School. **It is both the parents' and the child's responsibility to ensure compliance with the dress code. Personal appearance is expected to be non-disruptive to the learning atmosphere.**

Boys: Long pants must start at the waist and be worn to the ankle. Tops must cover the shoulder with a seamed sleeve and meet the pant at all times. Earrings are not allowed.

Girls: Pants must start at the waist and be worn to the ankle. Dresses and skirts must be at least knee length. Tops must cover the shoulder with a seamed sleeve and meet the pant or skirt at all times. Leggings, jeggings, or any knit fabric that adheres to the shape of the leg may only be worn under a dress or skirt that is knee length. Make-up and long dangling earrings may not be worn.

All: Close-toed and close-heeled shoes are **required** footwear and must firmly adhere to the foot. Sports/athletic tennis shoes **must be laced and tied securely. Flashing tennis shoes may not be worn.**

Hair must be well groomed, uniform in color, and the natural color of the student's hair. Hair may not be worn in a style that covers the eyes, cut or styled in an extreme style (mohawks, shaved designs, colored extensions, etc.) or result in a disruption to instruction. Students may be excluded from class until hair is in alignment with the Franklin expectations.

All clothing must be clean, modest, in good repair, and worn with proper fit. Clothing with disruptive messages is not permitted. Fake tattoos are not allowed. Tattoos and body piercing are not allowed.

On P.E. days, shorts may be worn under school clothing and worn during the P.E. period. On field days, students may change into shorts for outside activities.

The principal will resolve dress code concerns.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Franklin students have an opportunity to participate in a wide variety of programs. Band and orchestra are offered before and after school. There may also be sports or other programs offered after school.

The Franklin Parent Organization and outside vendors may provide programs such as chorus, arts and crafts, computers, drama, foreign languages, etc., providing there is enough support to staff these programs and sufficient interest to hold the class before or after school.

GIFTS FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF

It is recommended that students and parents express their feelings of appreciation for teachers and staff through thoughtful notes or home-made cards. Parents are encouraged to share feelings of appreciation for teachers and staff to the Franklin Parent Organization, the principals, and the Mesa Public Schools district officials.

HEALTH SERVICES

Through health services, in addition to medical care, students receive instruction in nutrition, cleanliness, dental care, and basic safety and health rules. If at any time your family is faced with an unusual health situation which could affect your child's performance in school, please notify the school nurse.

Parents must complete and update emergency medical information for each of their children during the online registration process each year. This information is critical for being able to contact you or your emergency contact if your child becomes ill or is injured at school. List health problems, including allergies to food, medicine, and insect stings. Please let us know if your address, home phone, business phone, or emergency phone number changes during the school year.

Like you, we want to do what is best for your child. If we cannot reach you in an emergency, we will call paramedics who may decide an ambulance should be called. The cost of this service is the **parent's** responsibility.

When it is necessary for the student to take medication during school hours, school personnel may administer if the following conditions are met:

1. *Whether a prescription drug or an over-the-counter drug, the medication must come in its original container. The pharmaceutical label must be on the container of any prescription drug.*
2. *Using district medical forms, the parent must provide written directions to the school that the medication be administered.*
3. *For students on campus, medication shall be kept in the health office. Where necessary, students may carry asthma inhalers if written permission is provided by a medical doctor and a parent.*

Generally, health-services staff administers any necessary medication with the exceptions made for such things as field trips or community-based education.

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HOMWORK POLICY

Homework is a central characteristic of the Franklin Schools. It has three major purposes:

1. To teach personal responsibility and time management skills.
2. To keep parents informed about what their children are studying.
3. To provide additional academic growth and development.

Parent responsibilities concerning homework are as follows:

1. To provide a time and a place free from distraction for the work to occur.
2. To sign the daily homework sheets or papers (whether completed or not), review the child's work and provide words of encouragement, not correction.
3. To work closely with the teachers if problems occur.

Below are the minimum and the maximum time guidelines for homework for which parents should plan. The times by grade level are listed below:

Grade	Minimum	Maximum
Kindergarten	10 min.	15 min.
1 st Grade	15 min.	30 min.
2 nd Grade	20 min.	45 min.
3 rd Grade	30 min.	60 min.
4 th Grade	30 min.	75 min.
5 th Grade	30 min.	90 min.
6 th Grade	30 min.	90 min.

All students receive homework four nights per week, Monday through Thursday. Homework will be directly related to daily instruction. All students are expected to read aloud or be read to for a minimum of ten minutes each night as part of their homework.

Grades 1-6 use a daily homework assignment sheets to assist in communication with the home. Students who have uncompleted classwork will be required to finish it in addition to their regularly assigned homework. The allocated homework time may be exceeded in this case. Homework will be reviewed by the teacher for completeness, neatness, and accuracy. The homework grade is determined by the total percentage of homework completed per six week grading period.

Students are responsible for their homework which is due at 8:15 a.m. Incomplete or missing homework will result in the loss of a recess. If there are four incomplete homework assignments during a grading period, a meeting will be held with the student, parent, and teacher to discuss the importance of homework and create a success plan. Students must maintain good standing in homework to ensure continued participation at Franklin Elementary School.

If students are absent, they are given two school days for every school day of absence to make up missed work. Classwork and homework will not be given to students, siblings, or parents before the student returns from an absence.

INSURANCE

Mesa Public Schools does not cover student injuries due to accidents at school or during school-sponsored activities, such as field trips. At the beginning of each school year, the District provides parents with information on a voluntary accident insurance program. For students who are not covered by a family health or accident insurance plan, parents should consider the student accident insurance available through the District at www.mpsaz.org/parents. In an emergency, the school may call paramedics, who may decide that an ambulance should be used. These services are paid for by the parents.

LOST AND FOUND

Please put your child's name on clothing and all other personal belongings brought to school. Misplaced items are stored in the school's lost and found. Please check with the office if your student loses something at school. At the end of each grading period unclaimed items will be donated to a charitable group.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Franklin Elementary School is a parent choice program. Families voluntarily choose to enroll their child and agree that the student will comply with all policies, rules, and regulations of the district and school. Students must maintain good standing in academic effort, homework completion, attendance, and discipline to ensure continued participation at Franklin Elementary School.

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES K-6

Parent-teacher conferences are held after the first and fourth grading periods. Students are dismissed early during conference week. These conferences are designed to benefit the students, parents and teachers in working together to help each child be as successful as possible in school. The parent-teacher conference only involves the parents and teacher. Students are not included in the conference.

P.E. EXCUSED ACTIVITIES

If your child's P.E. activities need to be restricted for more than a week, we will need a doctor's statement. For less than a week, a note from the parent/guardian is acceptable.

PREVENTION EDUCATION POSITION STATEMENT

Franklin students are taught skills that help them know of the harmful effects of illegal drugs, tobacco and alcohol. The use of these substances are harmful and inappropriate. Parental example is the primary determiner of student behavior, therefore, we expect all Franklin families to support the school in its instructional responsibilities to the greatest extent possible. Information for home instruction in these areas of prevention are available.

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REGISTRATION

To register your child in a Mesa school for the first time, you will need the student's original birth certificate or other reliable evidence of identity and age, and proof of Arizona residency.

Children should be 5 years old before September 1 before enrolling in kindergarten. To enter first grade, a child should be 6 years old before that date.

The school maintains health records on each child. An immunization record must be completed and in our files **before a child may attend school.**

REPORT CARDS K-6

Report cards are issued at the end of every grading period, taken home by the students, signed by parents and returned. The information on the report card includes letter grades reflecting student achievement in all subjects as well as an evaluation of the child's behavior. Parents may view student grades through the parent portal.

SCHOOL RULES

Parents are expected to teach the school rules to their children at home before the first day of class.

School rules are established by parents, teachers, and the principal. These rules cover vandalism, fighting, and punctuality as well as respect, honesty, courtesy, and proper language.

The teachers teach students these rules also, especially during the first week of school. The student government members also reinforce school rules by example in their leadership roles. The principal defines and enforces any rule not explicitly listed.

The following is a list of Franklin Schools' rules.

Franklin students:

- embrace physical and cultural differences among others.
- show respect to adults and fellow students.
- use respectful and appropriate language.
- walk on sidewalks, in hallways, and in classrooms.
- settle disagreements without aggression.
- talk quietly while on campus.
- hold playground equipment when walking on campus.
- play only in designated playground areas.
- do not throw rocks, sand, and clods of dirt.
- play non-violent games.
- do not play tag or any type of tackle games.
- use good manners in the cafeteria.
- do not share food.
- behave properly when participating in assemblies.

- follow the school dress code.
- are on time to class and school activities.
- respect other's possessions and do not take items belonging to others.
- place trash in proper receptacles.
- do not deface or damage school property.
- get permission from the office before leaving the school grounds.
- leave gum, toys, trading cards, and items that might disrupt school or cause injury at home.

SCHOOL VISITS

We encourage parents to come to school frequently to visit their child's classroom and be actively involved by volunteering. For safety reasons and to help us document campus visitors, parents are required to sign in at the office for all visits to the school. While on campus, we expect parents to adhere to the same standards of dress and behavior as that of the students.

In order to protect the instructional environment, we ask parents to avoid conversations with the teachers during visits. Siblings or non-Franklin students are not permitted to attend class or play on the equipment during the school day.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Students' birthdays are recognized by the school; however, no other treats or birthday recognitions are permitted. Please be sensitive to the feelings of other children on campus and do not pass out party invitations on campus. Balloons, flowers, etc. are not to be delivered to students at school. Such practices are very disruptive to the instructional process and foster disappointment and resentment. The school recognizes the fact that families care deeply for their children, and we encourage you to show that care in an appropriate manner by celebrating your child's birthday away from school outside of school hours.

STUDENT CHECKOUT

For their protection, students are not allowed to leave campus without being released through the school office during the instructional day. Parents must sign students out of the office if children must leave during the day.

All students need to be seen by the health office before going home. Students are not allowed to call home using the school or a cell phone to ask parents to pick them up. Only the health office may call home for a sick student.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Franklin Schools have an organized student council for 4th - 6th grade students. Parent permission and teacher recommendations are necessary for students to be involved in student government. Check with your individual school for further information.

STUDENT RETENTION

Moving automatically from one grade to the next is not always the best thing for a child. Some children have a better chance for success if they remain at a grade level for an extra year.

Local school boards set standards consistent with state guidelines for promotion from grade to grade. The essential skills required by the Mesa Governing Board are available on the MPS website.

If the teacher thinks your child will benefit by staying in his or her current grade, you will be involved in meetings with the teacher, principal, and possibly other staff members involved with your child's education. State law provides that the final promotion/retention decision is made by the classroom teacher. If you choose not to accept the teacher's decision, you may request in writing that the Governing Board review the decision.

TARDINESS

Each parent is expected to teach their children the importance of punctuality. The bell rings five minutes before school starts and children should be at school before that time. Any child who is not in their classroom when the second bell rings will be considered tardy and will need to report to the office. Tardiness is disruptive to the learning process and has a negative impact on the entire class, not just the child who is tardy. Solutions for correcting the problem will be discussed with the parents. Students must maintain good standing in attendance (12 or fewer tardies) to ensure continued participation at Franklin Elementary School.

TRANSPORTATION

Mesa Public Schools provide transportation to Franklin Schools on a limited basis. It is a parent's choice to use this service. Each year a parent's guide to transportation services will be provided at orientation. The following guidelines serve as the Franklin Transportation Behavioral Policy. Please discuss these expectations in your home each year before your child uses school transportation.

At the bus stop Franklin students:

- are polite and courteous to all.
- wait patiently in safe, appropriate areas.
- use soft voices to communicate.
- use appropriate language.
- are respectful of all property.
- walk in a safe manner.

On the bus Franklin students:

- cooperate with the bus driver.
- are polite and courteous.
- respect others property.
- ride in a safe, appropriate manner.
- use soft voices to communicate.
- use appropriate language.

The consequences for student misbehavior are as follows:

Level 1 -Warning from the bus driver

Level 2 -Principal discipline

Level 3 -Suspension of bus privileges up to 6 weeks and probation for the rest of the year.

Level 4 -Suspension of bus privileges for the rest of the year and probation for the following year.

Educational Program Section K-6

CURRICULUM

Literature - Literature is a daily part of the curriculum. Selections include quality fiction and non-fiction literature as well as other supplemental resources. Each classroom has its own library, and teachers read to their classes daily. Reading fluency, comprehension strategies, and identifying text structures are the focus.

Mathematics – Mathematics is taught daily and receives a great deal of emphasis. Daily lessons develop conceptual understanding and procedural skills. The program uses oral drill and written practice sheets and stresses the memorization of math facts.

Recitations – One selection of either prose or poetry is memorized and recited every grading period. Students may also enter poetry recitation contests.

Penmanship – The Spalding handwriting program is taught in grades K-6, with cursive writing introduced in second grade and continuing through sixth grade. Neatness, precision, and legibility in penmanship are stressed through daily drill.

Phonics and Spelling – The Writing Road to Reading is the text used for phonics and spelling instruction. The Spalding spelling program, which teaches the consistent application of spelling rules through a knowledge of phonics, is part of the language arts curriculum. The correct spelling of words is expected in all writing.

Language/Grammar – The language program includes daily practice and drill of fundamental English grammar, rules, and usage.

Composition/Writing – Each Franklin student is expected to develop the skill to express themselves in written form in a grammatically correct manner that emphasizes clarity of thought and preciseness in spelling and penmanship. A variety of writing experiences are provided at each grade level, including participation in writing competitions.

History and Geography – This program emphasizes the study of history, geography, and social sciences. Memorization of important geographical and historical data is required. Current events are also presented.

Science – The science program includes concepts in physical, chemical, earth, and biological sciences, and includes the use of the Mesa Public School's science kits.

Health/Safety – Emphasis is on good health habits, nutrition, and general safety rules.

Library – Library services are available to all Franklin students. Children have an opportunity to check out books each week. It is important that students understand that they are responsible for books until they are returned. Library lessons are taught in every grade that help support the classroom curriculum.

Music – A structured general music and music appreciation program is taught in all grades. Band and orchestra are offered as extracurricular activities before and after school and have occasional evening performances. The school may also participate in the Music Masterpiece Program.

Physical Education – Each child participates in a structured physical education program twice a week. The physical education program is designed to teach your child important physical skill development that will carry over into day-to-day life and help promote good health.

Art – Art is a part of the basic curriculum and is incorporated into other areas of study. Art activities are kept to a minimum and emphasize traditional art concepts. The school may also participate in the Art Masterpiece Program. Students have the opportunity to enter art contests.

Computers – Lessons support the school curriculum and emphasize the use of computers as tools to enhance classroom learning.

Citizenship – Standards of courtesy, respect, honesty and the meaning of citizenship are taught and modeled as school expectations by teachers. Personal responsibility and respect are at the core of this instruction.

GRADES

Letter grades are given to reflect actual achievement.

A	94-100 %
B	86-93 %
C	77-85 %
D	69-76 %
F	Below 69 %

Students must maintain good standing in academic effort and homework completion to ensure continued participation at Franklin Elementary School.

Statement Of Awareness And Support

As parents or guardians of students attending Franklin Elementary School, we agree to fulfill our obligation to the school as specified below. We recognize that Franklin Elementary School is a parent choice program and we have voluntarily chosen to enroll our child.

Prior to enrolling our child, we accept our obligation to:

- complete necessary orientation and registration procedures.
- support the philosophy and foundational principles of the school.
- become familiar with student and parent expectations described in the Franklin Elementary School Parent Handbook.

We accept our annual obligation to review and follow the:

- Franklin Elementary School Parent Handbook.
- MPS Health Guidelines for keeping children home for illness.
- MPS Elementary Students Information and Guidelines handbook.

Upon enrollment of our child, we accept our obligation to:

- ensure on time daily attendance in alignment with MPS guidelines
- support and ensure compliance with the dress code including the policy of no shorts for boys or girls.
- ensure our child attends tutoring, if requested.
- ensure two way communication with school staff including:
 - checking and signing homework sheets to ensure completion,
 - reading and responding to written and digital correspondence,
 - attending parent/teacher conferences and/or meetings,
 - and maintaining updated contact information.
- support the Franklin Parent Organization by:
 - communicating with members of the Franklin Parent Organization when needed,
 - serving on at least two school committees a year,
 - and completing orientation at the beginning of each school year.
- volunteer in the classroom and/or at school when possible.

Upon enrollment we understand:

- MPS provides computers and internet access to support the curriculum and classroom instruction,
- Our child must maintain good standing in academic effort, homework completion, attendance, and discipline to ensure continued participation at Franklin Elementary School.

