



## Franklin Cub Academy School Proposal

In alignment with the FCS strategic plan, district leadership is asking approval to formally name and recognize Franklin Cub Academy to support Developmental Pre-Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten under one roof, with the assignment of a new school number by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). This unified structure will strengthen instructional alignment, improve student outcomes, and enhance accountability and reporting.

### Improved Instructional Continuity

Housing Developmental Pre-Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten under one school identity ensures a seamless progression of learning from ages three through six. A unified model allows:

- Vertically aligned curriculum and instructional practices
- Shared assessment systems and data-driven decision making
- Consistent expectations for student growth and development

This continuity supports smoother transitions for students, particularly those with developmental delays or learning needs.

### Enhanced Student Outcomes

Early childhood research consistently shows that high-quality, aligned early learning environments lead to stronger academic and social-emotional outcomes. A unified school model:

- Promotes early intervention and consistent support services
- Reduces learning gaps before entry into elementary grades
- Strengthens school readiness and long-term academic success

### Increased Collaboration and Professional Practice

Under one administrative structure, educators benefit from:

- Shared professional development focused on early childhood best practices
- Stronger collaboration among Development Pre-School and Pre-School teachers
- Unified leadership focused exclusively on early learning

This collaboration environment strengthens instructional quality and staff retention.

### Operational and Administrative Efficiency

A single school designation allows for:

- Efficient scheduling and resource allocation
- Centralized leadership and support services
- Improved coordination of special services, related services, and family engagement

### Proposed School Structure

- School Name: Franklin Cub Academy
- Grades Served: Developmental Pre-K and Pre-K
- Location: 1049 Sloan Drive, Franklin, IN 46131
- Timeline: Begin classes August 2026
- Governance: One principal and leadership team
- School Calendar: Follows the FCS district calendar
- Request: Assignment of a new distinct school number by IDOE

By formally naming Developmental Pre-K and Pre-K as one early learning school, Franklin Cub Academy, the district will create a cohesive, high-quality educational environment that maximizes learning during the most critical years of development. Approval of a new school number from IDOE will support this vision, ensuring clarity, accountability, and improved outcomes for students and families.

  
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School Board Approval  
Board of School Trustees, President

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