Visit OSBA’s secure, online application system at https://osba.myrevelus.com to apply. First-time applicants must create a new account to complete and maintain an online profile. If you already have a profile established, sign-in or reset your password and choose from the open positions.

The following items should be included when completing your profile: the necessary certifications and licenses; credentials and transcripts; an up-to-date résumé; and at least five OSBA reference forms. Additional materials you would like to include can be uploaded as well. Please note: Completion of your profile is required but does not constitute an application. You must choose from the open positions and follow the application instructions.

Your profile information may be altered, updated and submitted at any time for any advertised OSBA opening.

Application materials are subject to Ohio’s public records laws.

Note: Applicants should not make personal contact with board of education members. For information about the search, contact the OSBA search consultant.

Questions about the online application process may be directed to Gwen Samet, OSBA administrative assistant of board and management services, at (614) 540-4000 or gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org.

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Application deadline
March 6, 2020
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The District

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The Community

The community that supports Franklin Local Schools is comprised of Chandlersville, Duncan Falls, Philo, Roseville, Gaysport and Blue Rock. Franklin Local occupies the entire southern border of Muskingum County. The district offices are located in Duncan Falls near the falls bearing its name on the scenic Muskingum River. The district is adjacent to Maysville Local Schools, Zanesville City Schools and East Muskingum Local Schools, all located in Muskingum County. It is home to approximately 12,700 residents.

Muskingum County was officially created in January of 1804. The name is from an Indian word that means “near the river.” With the exception of the county seat, Zanesville, the county is primarily rural and its beautiful wooded landscape makes it a wonderful place to live.

For the most part the economy is supported by retail establishments and manufacturing. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Samuel A. Weller’s pottery manufacturing plant was the largest of its kind in the world. Today, pottery manufacturing is still a vital part of the Muskingum County economy. Prominent residents have included astronaut John Glenn and author Zane Grey.

Muskingum County offers many educational opportunities. Muskingum University, Ohio University-Zanesville, Zane State College, Mid-East Career and Technology Centers and the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center are all important partners of Franklin Local Schools.

Qualifications

The successful candidate should have a valid Ohio superintendent’s license and be willing to reside in the district. In addition, the successful candidate should possess the following attributes:

- Evidence of successful work with a diverse environment which includes a socio-economically challenged population.
- A knowledge of and success with implementing project-based learning.
- Demonstrated strategies to attract and retain talented staff.
- Experience working with a rural population and vocational agriculture education.
- Possess an understanding of current education legislation and be a strong advocate for the needs of the district and community.
- Partner with the administrative team and board to complete projects.
- Demonstrate a strong vision for academic achievement.
- Be a collaborative leader who will work well with the other educational leaders in the county and surrounding areas.

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