

Franklin, Tennessee: a town that is special to me. Why do I think of it being as special as it is? To most people, it's just one of the thousands of places on a world map, but for me, it's home. Franklin has so many things that make it unique for me to call home. First of all, I live here. But second of all, there are so many things to do, so many opportunities I have been given, so many people I have met, and so many times I can remember feeling safe and relaxed. Not many places are like that, but Franklin definitely is one of those.

The school district, FSD (Franklin Special District), my school district, has been a very big part of my life in Franklin. The teachers, friends, and opportunities have been why. First of all, I have had the opportunity to participate in the Franklin Tree Lighting twice. I have also been in the Frist Art Museum twice because of the district. For me, I have had very good experiences with teachers. I have had teachers that I have been able to talk to about my personal stuff going on. They have made me feel good, safe, and capable of doing so many things; that can be hard to find in other places. Teachers are such a big, important part of everybody's lives and Franklin has teachers that don't only teach well, but ones that also have a relationship with their students. There are always teachers that don't, but I have had many who do in Franklin. The people in the district are also mostly nice. I have met so many people that accept me for who I am and allow me to be happy. I can be my "true self" around my friends because I know that they like me for me and not because of popularity or looks. I feel truly happy to be at school everyday thanks to the teachers, people, and many experiences that the school has given me.

There are many things to do in Franklin. For example, you could do a sport, watch the Christmas Tree Lighting, go to Gentry's Farm, and even go to holiday parades. For me, I play soccer. Ever since I was 5, I've been playing soccer with the Williamson County Soccer Association (WCSA). I have played for 7 ½ years now and I am seriously so happy. I love my team, the fields, and my coaches are literally the best coaches ever! They are so supportive, helpful, kind, and they just want us to have fun! I doubt that there are any other coaches like them anywhere else in the world. WCSA is such an amazing soccer association! Maybe you don't play sports but you can still do so many other things! There is the Franklin Christmas Tree Lighting which is such a fun and exciting thing to go to every winter. It gives off such a feeling of togetherness, happiness, joy, and overall just very merry vibes. Christmas is such a fun time for so many people and the fact that the whole town gets to come together and watch as the Christmas tree gets lit up officially beginning the Christmas season is such a special thing. You could also go to Gentry's Farm or holiday parades! For me, I have a personal story with Gentry's. I had a friend, my best friend actually, but she moved away a couple of years ago. We were really close and one of the last things I ever did with her was go to the farm. We had such a fun time getting lost in the corn maze and going on a wheelbarrow ride. I really miss her and when I pass the place, I think of her. My sister also has a group of people that she grew up with and graduated with. They took photos at the farm in daycare and after they all graduated. Gentry's just has a lot of memories for me. I have not personally been to the Christmas parade but I have been to the Veterans' day parade. In fourth grade, my school takes everyone to the parade where we sort of just walk and honor veterans. It was actually really fun because it was raining, making it a very memorable experience.

Finally, Franklin just has a really nice vibe. When I think of Franklin, I think of comfort, peace, convenience, safety, and relaxation. No matter where you go, there is always a shop or somewhere to buy food. For me, I'm always hungry and while I can't drive right now, it is going to be so nice when I can just pick up something on the way home from a long, exhausting, test-filled day of high school. Also, no matter where you go, you see a police officer, a sheriff, or basically anyone that works to protect you. In this sometimes violent world, it feels really nice to know that I am safe where I am. Since Franklin is a town more on the smaller side, it feels so quiet and peaceful. It gives off a chill, relaxing, and reserved atmosphere. For me, that is something amazing. I like to feel like I can just go anywhere and feel safe and calming. Franklin is definitely that place.

So yeah, Franklin may not be the biggest, the busiest, or the most "famous people" town in the world, but it's unique and special to me and so many others. It is a safe and calming place, but also an exciting place at the same time. People who live here are guaranteed to have nice memories and experiences. I feel so grateful to know that I am one of those people in Franklin, Tennessee.