



# ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## QUICK FACTS 2007-08



*The primary goal of the Arlington Public Schools (APS) is to ensure that each student excels and improves academically, communicates clearly, solves problems effectively and acts responsibly. To meet that end, the school system strategically concentrates on selected aspects of student achievement to achieve the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.*

### About Arlington, Virginia

Arlington County is a diverse, dynamic, and professional community located across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. Arlington County has one of the smallest land areas in the commonwealth, while APS is 14th largest among Virginia's 132 school divisions.

Area	26 Square Miles
Population	200,800
Median Age	37 Years
Median Household Income	\$84,800
Median Family Income	\$111,921
Per Capita Income	\$63,500

Highest Level of Education:	30% Bachelor Degrees
	36% Graduate Degrees

### About Arlington Public Schools

Total FY08 Budget	\$411,173,605
Average Teacher Salary	\$71,148
FY08 Pre-K—12 Enrollment	18,517
Adult Education Enrollment	15,500

### Our Schools & Programs

Elementary	22
Middle	5
High Schools	3
Secondary (grades 6-12)	1
Other Secondary Programs	6

### Our Students

APS students hail from 127 nations, speak 105 languages and are richly diverse.

White	47.0%
Hispanic	27.2%
African American	13.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	10.9%
Amer. Indian/Alaskan Nat.	0.1%
Unspecified	1.0%
Students w/Subsidized Meals	33.8%

### APS 2005-11 Strategic Plan Goals

- ◆ Rising Achievement ◆ Eliminating Gaps
- ◆ Responsive Education ◆ Effective Relationships

- ◆ The 2007 Newsweek/Washington Post Challenge Index listed all APS high schools in the top 1% in the U.S.
- ◆ In 2006, Wakefield High received one of the three College Board awards for innovative efforts including the "AP Network" to encourage more students to aim for college.
- ◆ 90% of APS parents grade their child's school with an "A" or "B" (compared with 64% nationally).
- ◆ Over 52% of students complete Algebra I before grade 9
- ◆ AP and IB testing has tripled since 1998.
- ◆ 83% of Arlingtonians say that money for schools is well spent.
- ◆ APS has some of the smallest class sizes in the region.
- ◆ The average APS teacher has 12 years of experience and 75% have earned a master's degree or higher.
- ◆ Since 1988, APS has renewed and/or expanded 24 schools, rebuilt four schools, built one new elementary school and is currently building a new Washington-Lee High School. More improvement plans are underway.
- ◆ In Nov. 2006, the School Bond was approved by 77% of Arlington voters. Previous bonds received similar support.
- ◆ All APS schools have state of the art technology with one computer for every five students.
- ◆ English/Spanish immersion programs are offered at two elementary, one middle and one high school.
- ◆ Five lead teachers are assigned to every school to improve instruction in math, science, English and social studies.
- ◆ Resource teachers for the gifted support classroom teachers at all schools to meet the learning styles of all students.
- ◆ The Career Center provides secondary students with advanced career, technical and licensure training.
- ◆ Over 350 business and community partners have formed more than 425 distinct school partnerships.
- ◆ In 2007, 28 of 30 APS schools were fully accredited by the Commonwealth of Virginia. 16 of 30 made AYP.
- ◆ 20 elementary schools offer one or more Pre-K classes.
- ◆ APS provides support to encourage National Board Certification. As of Dec. 2007, Arlington has 89 teachers who have earned NBCT accreditation, the second highest for any school division in Virginia.
- ◆ APS employs nearly 4,000 employees, which includes 2,000 instructional personnel.

### The Superintendent & Senior Staff

Superintendent — Dr. Robert G. Smith  
 Administrative Services — Meg Tuccillo  
 Facilities and Operations — Clarence E. Stukes  
 Finance and Management Services — Mary Beth Chambers  
 Information Services — Walter L. McKenzie, Jr.  
 Instruction — Dr. Mark A. Johnston  
 Personnel — Dr. Betty E. Hobbs  
 School and Community Relations — Linda M. Erdos  
 Student Services — Dr. Alvin L. Crawley

### The Arlington School Board

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