

This *Special Education Family Resource and Information Guide* was developed collaboratively by parents and Arlington Public Schools (APS) staff members, with assistance from Virginia Commonwealth University's Autism Center for Excellence (VCU-ACE) during the 2011-12 academic year, and updated in May, 2017.

As you navigate the APS special education system, we offer you our support, and hope this guide assists you to: become an active member of your child's educational team, organize information about your child, work collaboratively with your school, access the variety of resources that are available to support you and your child, and make the best possible decisions on your child's behalf.



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