



Arlington School Board

Priorities for the 2016-17 School Year

The School Board establishes annual priorities to assist in keeping its work focused, effective, and aligned with Strategic Plan goals. This year's priorities are academic and "whole child" growth for every student, staff development, school capacity expansion, and collaboration with County government on shared interests.

Success for All Students

- Initiate visioning processes to address:
 - Instructional opportunities at Drew Model School
 - Re-designing high school and new graduation requirements
- Review and revise policies to address instruction, diversity, differentiation, admissions and transfers, and boundaries.
- Monitor and continue to support:
 - Literacy for all students, especially ensuring that APS identifies struggling readers, provides targeted interventions, and ensures that all students are reading on grade level by third grade
 - Arlington Tiered System of Support, inclusion, interventions, and extensions for all learners
 - Launch, development, and growth of Arlington Tech
 - Instructional program for 1-1 technology initiative, including development of content and tools and expansion of personalized learning opportunities
 - Final report recommendations made by the Whole Child Working Group
 - Culturally responsive practices across the curriculum, including ties to local history

Staff Development

- Review compensation study, monitor and continue to support workforce initiative, and support new approaches for personalized, flexible planning for career and professional development

Infrastructure & Resource Planning: Facilities

- Ensure the following construction and planning projects proceed as planned: McKinley, Abingdon, Stratford, Wilson, new elementary school at Jefferson site, modifications at Wakefield and Yorktown, Fenwick, Gunston, and Kenmore, Arlington Tech/Career Center site, new elementary school at Reed, secondary seats at a location TBD, and high school boundaries

APS/County Collaboration:

- Initiate a long-term planning process, in coordination with the County Board and consistent with the Community Facilities Study, to focus on sites for new elementary and secondary seats and recreational fields
- Pilot transportation efforts between County and Schools, including coordination of ART and APS bus systems