

## Appendix F: Glossary of Terms

**AFSAP** - The Arlington Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan (AFSAP) provides a comprehensive 10-Year review of current and projected student enrollment and building capacity at APS.

**Capital strategies**- Strategies that are funding through the CIP to provide more seating capacity (i.e., additions, new construction, etc.).

**Capacity Utilization** - measures the extent that school buildings are occupied by comparing actual student enrollment to the permanent seating capacity of the school.

**Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**- Every two years, the School Board adopts a CIP that addresses APS capital needs—investments needed to improve or enhance the infrastructure of our schools—over the next ten years. The CIP includes major capital projects, such as new schools and school additions, as well as major maintenance and minor construction projects. See CIP Overview for more information.

**Cohort** - A group of students having a statistical factor (such as the same grade or school level) in common.

**Cohort transition ratio** – The use of historic enrollment data to identify trends (of growth or loss) over time. A cohort transition ratio greater than 1.0 indicates the percentage of cohort growth, and a value less than 1.0 indicates the percentage of cohort loss enrollment. The cohort transition rate is impacted by such factors as students moving in or out of a neighborhood or the County, APS student transfers, and other external forces affecting migration.

**Elementary School** — PreKindergarten through grade 5.

**High School** — A school for students in grades 9 through 12.

**Middle School** — A school for students in grades 6 through 8.

**Non-capital option** - Strategies that are not funding through the CIP, that maximize use of existing capacity throughout the system to provide more seating capacity (i.e., school boundary changes, admission policy changes, program changes, etc.).

**Permanent Seats** - School seats associated with a current or future school structure. Relocatable classrooms are not permanent seats.

**Projections** - measures future growth by extrapolating current trends and applying statistical techniques.

**Relocatable classroom** A temporary building structure put on school property usually used as classroom space or storage space when there is not enough space available inside the school building; also known as a trailer.

**Trend** - A pattern of gradual change in a condition, output, or process, or an average or general tendency of a series of data points to move in a certain direction over time.