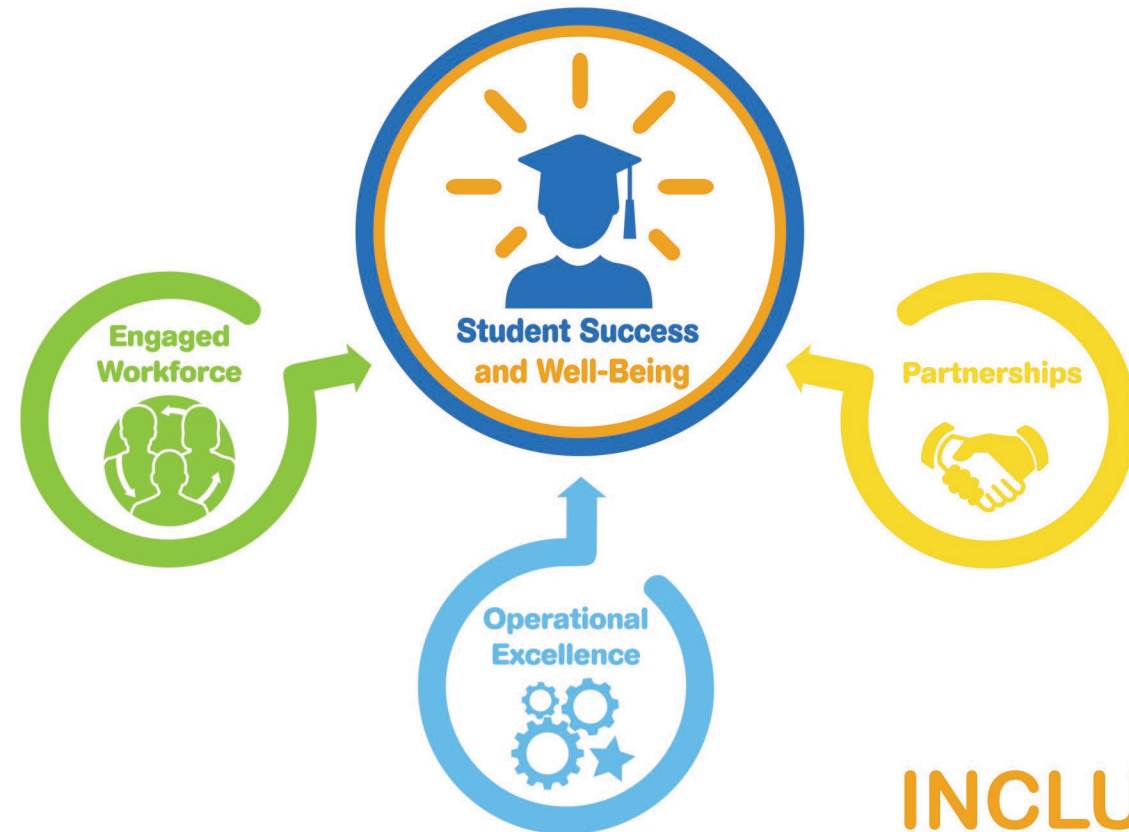


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# Arlington Career Center Project Background

# Project Background

- The ACC Project was included in the [FY 2023-32 Capital Improvement Plan \(CIP\) Direction](#) at the Oct. 28, 2021 School Board Meeting.
- The Superintendent was directed to begin work immediately on the ACC concept design, which is currently underway.
- The Superintendent was directed to include the ACC project in the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2023-32 CIP.
- As a result, the BLPC was reconvened to review and provide feedback on the ACC project design process.

# Project Goals

- The goal of the Arlington Career Center Project is for the school and parking garage to be completed within the maximum total project cost of \$170.48 million.
- The Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) process will invite public feedback on the elements identified in the Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) [Principles of Civic Design](#).
- APS will consider adjustments that fit within the maximum total project cost and address the [School Board's Project Requirements for the Arlington Career Center](#).
- This process will not address the long-term use of the Career Center Campus and opportunities for comment on long-term use will occur within the process for review and adoption of the FY 2023-32 CIP.

The Arlington Career Center site is currently home to the following schools and programs:

- Arlington Career Center
  - Built in 1974, with Gross Building Area of 155,000+ square feet, and
  - There have been multiple modest interior renovations in the past several years to accommodate the growing Arlington Tech enrollment
- Montessori Public School of Arlington
  - Built in 1975, with Gross Building Area of 61,000+ square feet and
  - Refresh in 2019 focused on cosmetic improvements Henry moved to Fleet and MPSA moved into the facility
- Arlington Community High School
  - Former county office building, built in 1974, with Gross Building Area of 24,000+ square feet
  - Refresh in 2017 to prepare the Fenwick facility for school use
  - [ACHS will move to a new facility in PenPlace](#), Pentagon City for the 2026-27 school year

# Arlington Career Center Overview

The **Arlington Career Center** (ACC) is home to a dynamic and diverse community of learners for whom “learning by doing” characterizes their daily school experience.

Students from across Arlington can access Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, and dual-enrolled college courses through NOVA and the Governor’s Career & Technical Academy of Arlington. The Career Center provides enhanced opportunities in four areas:

- Project-based curriculum;
- Industry certifications;
- College credit; and
- Work-based learning experiences such as internships and client projects.

# Arlington Career Center Programs

- **Arlington Tech** is an innovative high school STEM program, launched in 2016, where “students learn how to effectively apply their interdisciplinary academic knowledge with skills developed in their Career Technical Education (CTE) classes.”
- **Career and Technical Education** programs that prepare Arlington students for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers by providing students with college and career ready employable, job specific, technical skills.
- **Academic Academy** is an alternative to the comprehensive high school setting, students elect to attend or are referred by their high school.
- **The English Learner Institute** serves newly arrived immigrant students with limited or interrupted formal education who are interested in completing a high school diploma while learning valuable career and technical skills.
- **The Program for Employment Preparedness (PEP)** is for students who are identified as requiring Special Education services with a focus on providing travel training, independent living skills, community internships, workplace readiness skills, and self-determination skills.
- **The Teen Parenting Program/ACC Pre-school** is jointly operated by Arlington County Department of Health Services and Arlington Public Schools.



# Future Changes to the Career Center Site

## **Arlington Community High School (ACHS)**

- Moving to Amazon's Pen Place in Pentagon City in the fall of 2026
- Will move to a temporary location by fall of 2023

## **Future Plans for the Current Arlington Career Center Building**

- Existing ACC facility will be available as swing space, separate process will identify potential long-term use options for the entire Career Center Campus
- The goal for the site is to keep maximum student capacity at 2,570 seats, including reuse and/or removal of existing ACC and MPSA buildings, and ensure that campus traffic levels remain manageable.

# **Arlington Career Center Project Historical Timeline**

# Historical Timeline

- Planning for the Career Center has happened under three Superintendents.
- Under the leadership of Dr. Smith, the [FY 2007-12 CIP](#) included revenue funds for major construction and a portion of the funds was provided to investigate needs related to scope, phasing, feasibility and cost, and develop site specific educational specifications for the Career Center.
- The [FY 2009 – FY 2014 CIP](#) followed up, providing capital to keep the Career Center functioning well until their renewal and/or reconstruction can be addressed.

# Historical Timeline

- When Dr. Murphy took over, enrollment growth became a major focus and plans for the Career Center evolved.
- The [FY 2011-16 CIP](#) included a Major Capital Project to identify the next course of action for the Career Center.
- The [FY 2013-22 CIP](#) did not address the Career Center specifically. It instead noted that Henry and the Career Center had about \$77,000 allocated from Minor Construction/Major Maintenance to repave the parking lot and restripe the parking lot.
- The [FY 2015-24 CIP](#) again focused on adding 1,300 additional secondary seats at the Arlington Career Center, with projected completion dates scheduled in three phases.
- The [FY 2017-26 CIP](#) identified the Career Center/Arlington Tech as a new project, refining the plan from the prior CIP.

# Historical Timeline

In 2018, the [Career Center Working Group](#) was formed in response to the Community Facilities Study and reported to both the School and County Board. Its charge was to develop a plan that defines how APS can open 700-800+ additional seats to the Career Center facility by 2022. [FY 2019-28 CIP](#) included two separate projects for the Career Center.

- \$18.8 million was provided to add 250 new seats, opening by Sept. 2021 and expanding space for full-time students and programs already at the school.
- \$184 million was provided to add 800 additional seats by Sept. 2025
- The [Sept. 2019 Arlington Career Center BLPC](#) was charged with providing input and feedback on the Expansion Project. The capacity of the Arlington Career Center increased by 800+ seats for 2025 as provided in the FY 2019-28 Capital Improvement Plan
- Capacity of Arlington Tech increased to 600 as provided in the FY 2017-26 CIP and the FY 2019-28.
- As this process was concluding, the cost of the expansion exceeded the budget by \$84 million, and a reduced scope still came in over budget by \$34 million.

# Historical Timeline

- Dr. Durán was appointed as Superintendent as the School Board voted on its [FY 2021 CIP](#), several months after the start of the pandemic.
- The Career Center projects were not included in the CIP after the project cost exceeded its budget. Instead, the School Board directed APS to ensure the FY 2022 CIP provided the appropriate facilities to accommodate the full-time high school students on the Career Center campus and to examine creative solutions for more efficient use of the Career Center campus.
- The Jan. 2021 [Career Center After Action Analysis](#) reviewed the original BLPC process and make recommendations on how to improve it.
- The [FY 2022-24 CIP](#) again included the Career Center, providing \$6 million in design funds to meet 10-year projected seat needs
  - Providing the maximum number of secondary seats within the stated cost limit
  - Completing close to December 2025 as possible

# Building Level Planning Committee Process

The BLPC consists of students, parents, staff, civic association members, community members.

The BLPC is responsible for weighing in on how the building interacts with the community. In this role, BLPC members will do the following:

- Communicate with and obtain feedback from stakeholder groups they represent; and
- Provide feedback and recommendations to the APS staff who are responsible for design and delivery of the building.

The BLPC has joint meetings with the County's Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC). Some of the BLPC members are also PFRC members.



# Principles of Civic Design

The Principles of Civic Design are intended to inform the design of civic facilities in Arlington, including buildings and other projects, to ensure they meet community goals for attractiveness, durability, and functionality.

The principles reinforce and supplement existing County planning documents and policies, and are meant to promote compliance with certain basic principles, but not to inhibit creative design.

## [PFRC Principles of Civic Design:](#)

- Civic Values
- Siting and Orientation
- Building Form
- Building Details and Materials

The BLPC level of participation for the Arlington Career Center Project is Consult:  
Obtain feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decision.

## IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION					
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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# Arlington Career Center Project Overview

# Why Build the Arlington Career Center?

- Fulfills commitment to provide facilities for more than 500 ACC students attending the school full time in one of the following programs: Arlington Tech, Academic Academy, English Learner Institute and Program for Employment Preparedness (PEP)
- Modernizes the Career & Technical Education (CTE) labs that were built in 1974, and expands CTE capacity to serve students across all Arlington high schools
- Responds to key challenges facing Arlington and defined in the [2015 Community Facilities Study](#) that identified the scarcity of land for public facilities and changing demographics. Redevelopment of this centrally located school site expands secondary capacity and provides flexibility to meet changing enrollment needs

## Recommended CIP Direction for Arlington Career Center (ACC)

The Superintendent is directed to begin work immediately on the ACC concept design using the:

- Proposed Base and Alternative Educational Specifications (Ed. Specs.), and
- Option 4 and the proposed Project Requirements

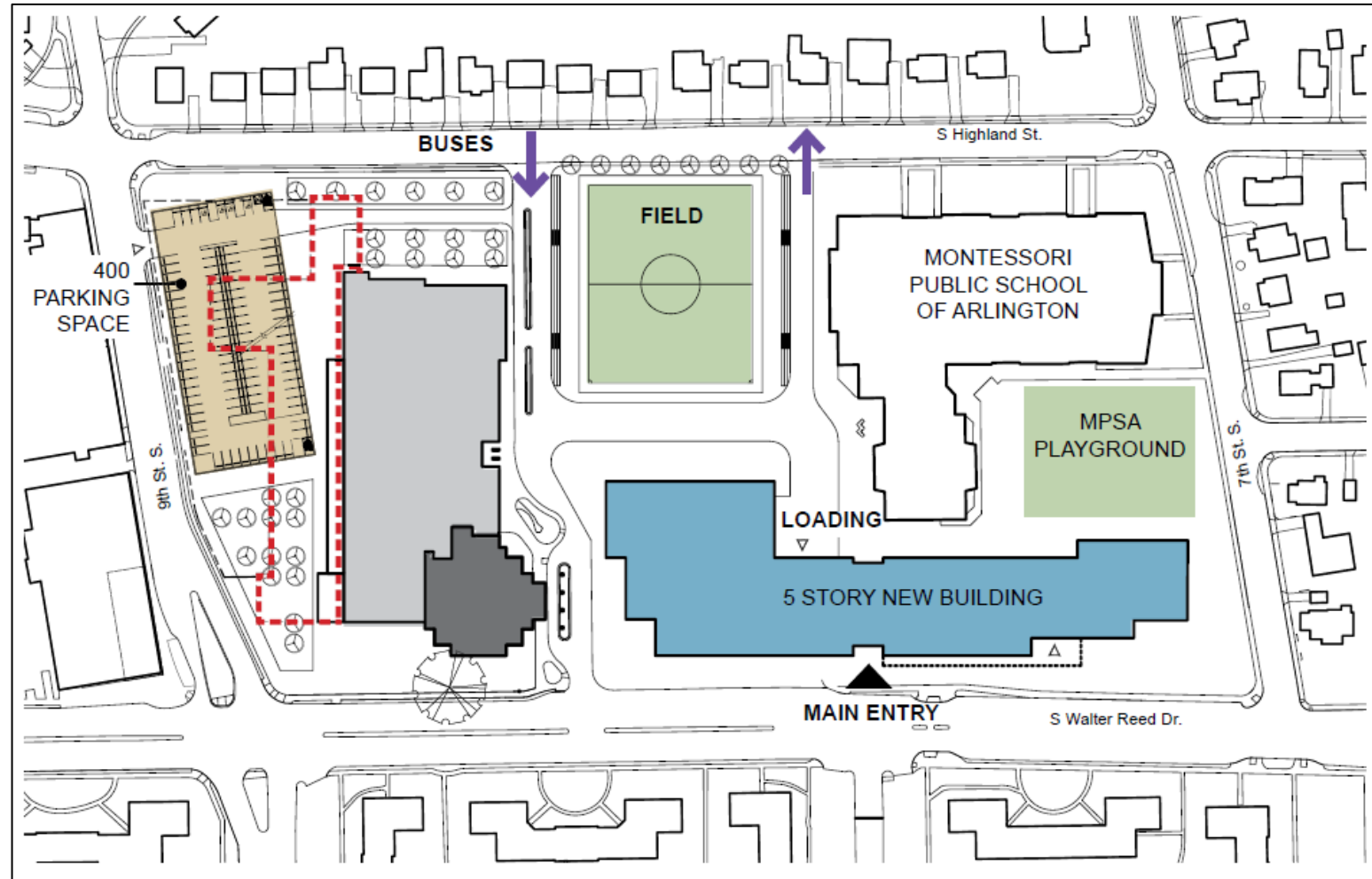
ACC PROJECT REQUIREMENTS	Base Ed. Specs.	Alternative Ed. Specs.
<b>Maximum capacity</b>	1,795	1,345
<b>Instructional programs</b> (identified on the Ed. Specs.)	Arlington Tech Academic Academy, EL, PEP CTE from neighborhood HS	Arlington Tech Academic Academy, EL, PEP CTE from neighborhood HS
<b>Estimated total project cost</b> (in millions)	\$170.48	\$152.89
<b>Site facilities</b> (playgrounds, fields, structured/surface parking, etc.)	As generally shown on the Option 4 Site Plan, with the expectation of further development and refinement during Concept Design	
<b>Building Size</b> (square feet)	260,000	225,000
<b>Year complete</b>	December 2025 (new building) April 2027 (all construction phases)	

# School Board Direction

The ACC project must be completed within the maximum total project cost of \$170.48 million.

The BLPC shall review and provide feedback on proposed project design(s) prepared by APS staff and its consultants based on:

- Approved project Educational Specifications (Ed. Specs.): [Base Ed. Specs.](#) and [Alternative Ed. Specs.](#)
- Site plan option approved for further development (Option 4)



# Project Schedule

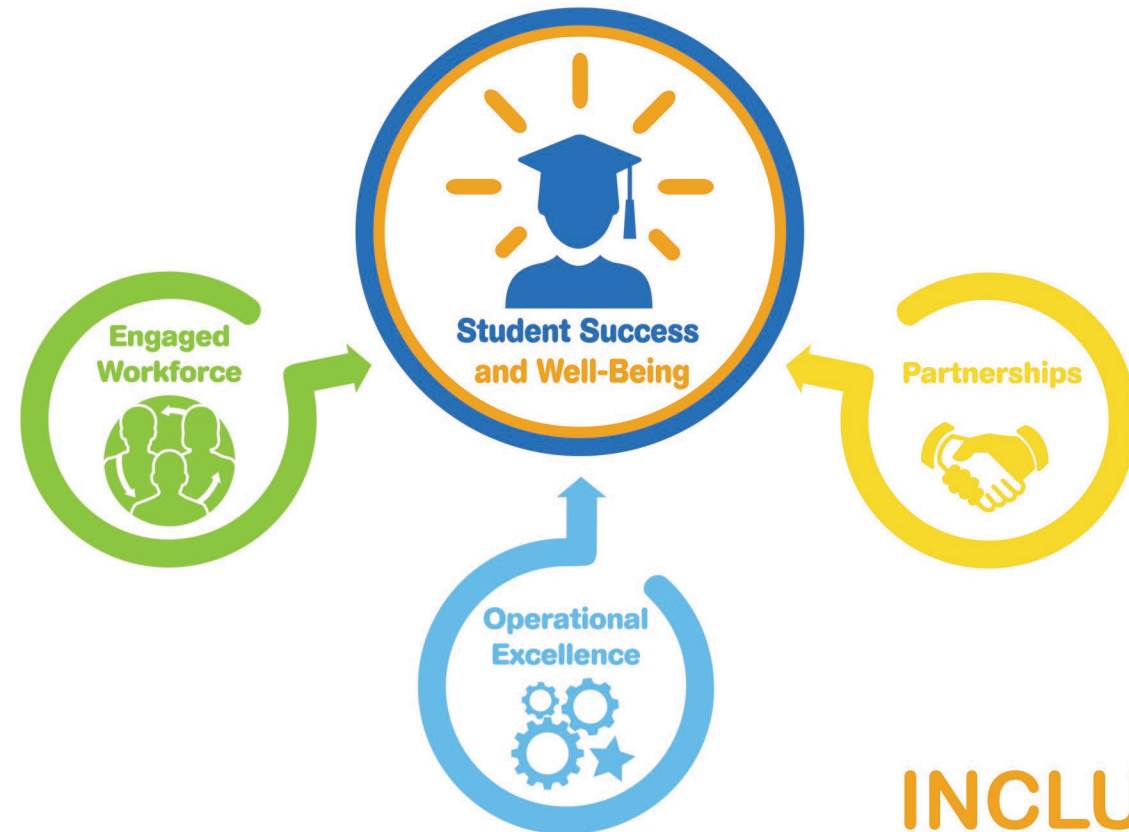
	BLPC/PFRC Meetings	Board Approvals	Construction
<b>Concept Design</b>	Jan. 2022 Meeting #1 Feb. 2022 Meeting #2 Mar. 2022 Meeting #3	April 2022 - School Board	
<b>Schematic Design</b>	Jun. 2022 Meeting #1 Aug. 2022 Meeting #2	Sep. 2022 - School Board	
<b>Use Permit</b>	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2023 - County Board	
<b>Preconstruction</b>	Oct. 23	Nov. 2023 - School Board Construction Contract	
<b>Construction</b>			Dec. 2023 - Begin Dec. 2025 - New ACC Building Complete April 2027 - Project Complete

# BLPC/PFRC Meeting Focus

	Concept Design	Schematic Design
BLPC/PFRC Meetings	Jan, Feb, Mar 2022	Jun, Aug 2022
Areas of Focus within Principles of Civic Design	REFINE: <b>Siting and Orientation</b> BEGIN: <b>Building Form</b>	REFINE: <b>Building Form</b> BEGIN: <b>Building Details and Materials</b>
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