

Survey Title: Budget Survey - Community
COMBINED [3584 responses]
 The Community Survey Results include combined response from the English (3502) and Spanish (82) versions of the survey.

1. Please indicate the best description of your relationship to APS from the choices below (check only one response).














Responses	Count	%	Percentage of total respondents
Parent of APS student	2333	65.09%	
Current APS student	209	5.83%	
Resident of Arlington County (no current student enrolled in APS)	545	15.21%	
Other (please specify)	497	13.87%	
(Did not answer)	0	0%	
Total Responses	3584		20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

2. If you are a student or parent of a child currently enrolled in APS, please indicate the student's grade level from the list below (choose all that apply).

Responses	Count	%	Percentage of total respondents
Pre-Kindergarten	144	4.02%	
Elementary School (K-5)	1682	46.93%	
Middle School	829	23.13%	
High School	735	20.51%	
Alternative School/Program	78	2.18%	
(Did not answer)	948	26.45%	
Total Responses	4416		20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

3. The following is a list of programs (in alphabetical order) that were identified for elimination as a way to reduce the budget. Please select up to four (4) programs that you believe APS should maintain and should NOT consider for budget reductions.




Responses	Count	%	Percentage of total respondents					
Maintain the existing Arts Programs	1993	55.61%						
Maintain the existing small class sizes	1944	54.24%						
Maintain the existing Classroom Technology	1566	43.69%						
Maintain the existing Extracurricular Activities (sports, after-school, interscholastic activities, etc.)	1541	43.00%						
Maintain the existing Gifted Services	940	26.23%						
Maintain the existing Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) Program	911	25.42%						
Maintain the existing Transportation Services	778	21.71%						
Maintain the existing Pre-K Programs	755	21.07%						
Maintain the existing Summer School Program	604	16.85%						
Maintain the existing tuition provided for APS students attending the Thomas Jefferson High School of Science & Technology (in Fairfax County)	534	14.90%						
Maintain the existing Exemplary Projects	405	11.30%						
(Did not answer)	328	9.15%						
Other (please specify)	195	5.44%						
Total Responses	12494		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>20%</td> <td>40%</td> <td>60%</td> <td>80%</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </table>	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
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5. Budget savings could also be achieved by changing the staffing levels in schools for various support service programs. The following is an alphabetical list of non-teaching services to be considered for reduction. Please rank these programs from 1 to 6. 1 = your highest preference for items APS should consider to help reduce the budget 6 = your lowest preference for items that APS should NOT consider to help reduce the budget










Responses	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5	Rank 6	Weighted Rank (Score)
Reduce Resource Teachers for the Gifted (RTGs)	980	692	444	422	437	504	1 (13760)
Reduce Instructional Technology Coordinators (ITCs)	530	725	828	677	483	236	2 (13350)
Reduce School-based Administrative support (assistant principals, clerical/office support)	798	635	539	500	495	512	3 (13121)
Reduce Math Coaches	478	608	597	611	674	511	4 (11988)
Reduce Custodial service in schools	346	470	613	760	742	548	5 (11190)
Reduce Counseling staff at middle and high schools	347	349	459	509	647	1168	6 (9652)
(Did not answer)							105
Total Responses							3584

6. Another option to reduce the budget is to increase class sizes. Please select the response below that best reflects your preferences for class sizes in the budget process.

Responses	Count	%	Percentage of total respondents					
APS should NOT consider increasing class sizes as it looks for ways to reduce the budget.	1947	54.32%						
APS should consider some options to increase class sizes as it looks for ways to reduce the budget.	1637	45.68%						
(Did not answer)	0	0%						
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NOTE: Individuals who responded “APS should NOT consider increasing class sizes as it looks for ways to reduce the budget” were directed to Question 8 and did not respond to Question 7.

8. Would you support offsetting budget reductions through new or increased fees? From the list of below, please check all changes that you believe APS should consider including as part of the FY 2011 budget

Responses	Count	%	Percentage of total respondents
Increasing fees for the Montessori Program	2727	76.09%	
Increasing fees for the Summer School Program	2399	66.94%	
Adding fees for extracurricular activities and athletics	2298	64.12%	
Adding fees for Advanced Placement (AP) exams	2164	60.38%	
Increasing fees for school transcripts	2132	59.49%	
Adding fees for field trips	2113	58.96%	
Increasing school meal prices	1468	40.96%	
Other (please specify)	506	14.12%	
(Did not answer)	104	2.90%	
Total Responses	15911		20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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