



APS Budget Process

FY2026 BUDGET

The Arlington Public Schools Budget is closely aligned with both the School Board's Priorities and the APS Strategic Plan, and continues to respond to the community's needs and expectations of a high-quality public education for our students and families.

July-
Sep.

1 | Preparation

- **School Board Retreat**
 - Discuss potential improvements to the budget process
 - Develop the following year's budget calendar
- **Budget Direction**
 - Next year's priorities with input from the public and advisory groups
- **Budget Kick-Off**
 - Departmental meetings
 - Baseline adjustments
- **Work Session: Sep. 24, 2024**
- **Enrollment Projections Developed**
 - Based on Sep 30 enrollment count



Documents

- [Budget Development Calendar](#)
- [Budget Direction](#)
- [Kick-Off presentation](#)
- [Budget Development Memo](#)
- [Enrollment Projections](#)

Oct.-
Dec.

2 | Requests

- **Requests from Departments and Schools**
- **Staffing Based on Enrollment**
 - Planning factors are applied based on projections
- **Work Session: Nov. 19, 2024**



Documents

- Baseline budget spreadsheets
- [New Budget request form](#)
- [Reductions and Efficiencies form](#)
- Departments/Schools Narratives

Jan.-
March

3 | Review

- **Cabinet Review**
 - New requests
 - Baseline adjustments
 - Enrollment changes
- **Joint County/School Board Work Session: March 12, 2025**
- **Proposed Budget: March. 13, 2025**
- **Work Sessions #1-2: March 25, 2025**



Documents

- Proposed Budget book
- Budget at a Glance

Apr.-
June

4 | Adoption

- **Public Hearing : April 3, 2025**
- **Work Sessions #3-4 April 3, 2025**
- **APS Budget Adoption: May 1, 2025**



Documents

- Spring Enrollment Updates
- [Planning Factors](#)
- Adopted Budget Book