



Arlington
Public
Schools

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Dear APS Families,

Section 22.1-92 of the Code of Virginia requires each division superintendent to prepare and distribute the estimated average per pupil for public education in the school division for the coming school year. This notification includes the actual per pupil state and local education expenditures and may also include federal funds expended for public education in the school division.

The chart below shows the cost to educate each student in Arlington for FY 2024, based and projected costs for FY 2025 and FY 2026. The cost for each student shows the support from local, state, and federal sources. Most of our funding comes from local sources, particularly Arlington County. It is important to note that the state per-pupil expenditure does not match the per-pupil expenditure used in our adopted budget. The APS calculation of the cost per pupil included in the adopted budget is based on a formula used by surrounding school districts as part of the Washington Area Boards of Education (WABE) Guide and does not include items that the state formula includes. One difference is that the state's calculation includes the Food and Nutrition Services Fund, while the calculation in our budget does not since this is a self-supporting program. Our FY 2026 WABE projected per-pupil cost is \$25,406 as compared to the state's calculation of \$26,099 below.

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT	FY 2024 ACTUAL	%	FY 2025 ESTIMATED	%	FY 2026 ADOPTED	%
Local Revenue including County Transfer	\$22,898	82.2%	\$21,113	81.8%	\$21,349	81.8%
State Funds	\$2,646	9.5%	\$2,633	10.2%	\$2,662	10.2%
Virginia Sales Tax	\$1,393	5.0%	\$1,291	5.0%	\$1,305	5.0%
Federal Funds	\$919	3.3%	\$774	3.0%	\$783	3.0%
Total Per Pupil Amount*	\$27,857	100.0%	\$25,811	100.0%	\$26,099	100.0%
Enrollment**	26,221		28,161		28,422	

*May not total due to rounding.

**FY 2024 enrollment is the actual PreK-12 enrollment from the state Superintendent's Annual Report; FY 2025 and FY 2026 enrollment is the projected PreK-12 enrollment.