



APS Budget Process

FY2027 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
- Budget Direction
- Budget Direction: Sep. 18, 2025
- Enrollment Projections Developed
 - Based on Sep 30 enrollment count



Oct.-
Dec.

2 | Requests

- Requests from Departments and Schools
- Staffing Based on Enrollment
 - Planning factors are applied based on projections
- Cabinet Budget retreat: Dec. 5, 2025



Jan.-
March

3 | Review

- Cabinet Review
- Superintendent's Proposed Budget: Feb. 26, 2026
- Joint County/School Board Work Session: March 24, 2026
- Committee of the Whole on Budget: March 24, 2026
- School Board's Proposed Budget: March 26, 2026



Apr.-
June

4 | Adoption

- Work Sessions #1-2: April 14, 2026
- Public Hearing : April 14, 2026
- APS Budget Adoption: May 14, 2026



Resources

- [Budget Development Calendar](#)
- [Budget Direction](#)
- [Enrollment Projections](#)
- Proposed Budget book
- Budget at a Glance
- [Planning Factors](#)
- Adopted Budget Book