Arlington Public Schools

Arlington School Board Meeting

Superintendent's Announcements

October 8, 2026

Learning in Action: STEM, Science & CTE at Grace Hopper Center

EVERY STUDENT COUNTS
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL



Final Accountability & Accreditation Results

- **All APS schools remain fully accredited**
- **90%+** of schools scored Meeting Expectations or Distinguished on the SPSF framework
- **86%** improved their framework score by at least 2 points
- **15 schools** moved to a higher performance category based on framework scores

Region IV School Performance Highlights

- **7 APS schools** rank among the top 20 elementary schools for overall gains: Nottingham, Campbell, Jamestown, Long Branch, Montessori, Barcroft and Carlin Springs.
- **Nottingham** has the highest framework score among elementary schools.
- **Cardinal** ranks in the top 5 for reading and math growth.
- **Tuckahoe** has the highest science performance among elementary schools.
- **Williamsburg** has the highest framework score among middle schools.
- **Arlington Community High School** ranks in the top 5 for English Learner Progress among high schools.

Sept. 30 Enrollment

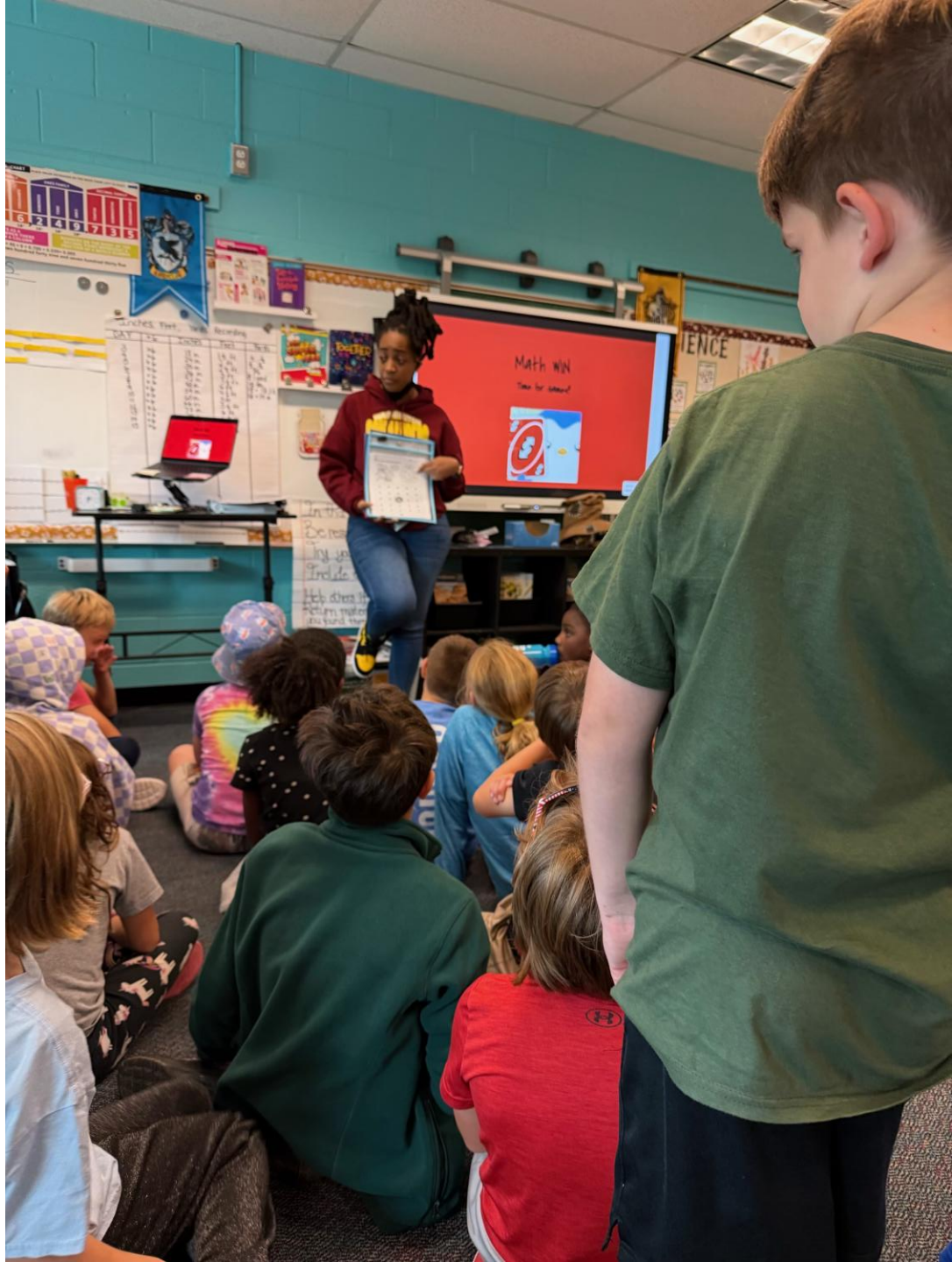
Sept. 30 Official Enrollment: 27,168 students

Additional comparisons with 2025-26 enrollment:

- PreK membership of 937 is an **increase of 23 students (2.52%).**
- Elementary membership (K-5) of 11,845 is a **decrease of 425 students (3.46%).**
- Middle school membership of 6,237 is an **increase of 32 students (0.52%).**
- High school membership of 8,149 is a **decrease of 51 students (0.62%).**

Given that overall **PreK-12 enrollment decreased by 421 students, about 1.53%** compared to the prior school year:

- APS reduced the budgeted full-time employees by **23.5 positions with a cost savings of approximately $2.7 million.**



Welcoming Leaders from Across Virginia



- LEAD Virginia Class of 2026 Visits APS as part of LEAD Virginia's Northern Virginia experience
- Leaders from across the Commonwealth visited Grace Hopper Center
- An opportunity to showcase CTE, innovation and real-world learning in APS

AI Community Roundtable: What We Heard

Participants raised

- Opportunities for AI to strengthen learning
- Concerns about overuse, critical thinking, student voice
- Need appropriate guardrails.

Next Steps

- Reviewing feedback
- Identifying themes
- Sharing updates and resources
- Continuing the conversation

Online Feedback:
Thank you again for the great and very informative night! Hope there are more like this in the near future for families to join and to exchange more information to each other

Online Feedback:
Let's use AI as an opportunity to promote community engagement and human centered education. Let's build trust with our students being mindful of the dangers of AI.

Information available at https://www.apsva.us/digital-learning-innovation/ai-in-aps-quick-facts/

Start Here. Grow Here.



Youth Development Assistants Needed

- Starting at **$21.55/hour**
- Monday-Friday afternoon schedules
- Minimum 15 hours per week
- Benefits available
- Work directly with APS students

Make a difference in a student's day.

www.apsva.us/extended-day/

Virginia's Best in World Language Teaching



- **Teresa Torgoff**
  French Teacher, H-B Woodlawn
- **2026 David Cox FLAVA Award for Excellence in Foreign Language Teaching, K-12**

Congratulations, Teresa!

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A Home Run for STEM



ALEC ZELENOVIC

Gunston Middle School, Grade 7

1 OF 30 Finalists Nationwide

- Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge

82 Baseball Games Analyzed

- Combining his interests in baseball and math

Next Stop: Washington, D.C.

- National Finals Week | Oct. 23-28

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