Arlington Public Schools

Arlington School Board Meeting

Superintendent's Announcements

August 13, 2026

Every Student Counts: Secure. Prepared. Ready.

EVERY STUDENT COUNTS
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL



A look at how APS is strengthening safety, preparedness and security across our schools.

School Year Ready!

By Design: Building and Sustaining Our Future Together.











Preparing for the School Year

- Back-to-School Packet **launches Aug. 17** in ParentVUE
- Student Rights & Responsibilities & Back-to-School Packets
  - Families will receive important back-to-school information and required forms in the coming weeks.
- Check ParentVUE now to make sure your contact information is current.
  - Watch for APS messages with next steps, important dates and actions to complete.

Updates to Back-to-School Packet

Updates & Improvements for 2026–27

- **Full Translation Review:** by the translation team for accuracy and clarity
- **Grade-Level Questions:** Families only see questions relevant to their student's grade
- **Consistent Format:** Streamlined look, language and structure throughout the packet
- **Simplified Experience:** Content reviewed and organized to make completion easier
- **Paper Option Available:** Printed packets available at schools beginning Aug. 31 for families who need them

Access Matters

ONLINE



- **Available in Multiple Languages**
- **Complete Anywhere,** phone, tablet or computer
- **Streamlined, Consistent Formatting**
- **Grade-Specific Questions**

NEED HELP?

Get support from people you know and trust.

- Registrar
- Bilingual Family Specialist (BFS)
- Welcome Center

We're here to help.

PAPER OPTION

Available beginning Aug. 31

Pick up a paper packet
at your school

Complete & return
to your school registrar

Registrar processes forms
Updates completion tracker and student record

ParentVUE access updated
Available after processing

Please allow time for processing before ParentVUE access is available.

Staffing Update

98.9%

Preparing for the 2026–27 School Year

Licensed Vacancies

34 school-based positions

- 28 full-time
- 6 part-time
- 12 vacancies are special education positions

The licensed report also identifies 12 Central Office vacancies, primarily in Special Education, Student Services and Academics.

Non-Licensed Vacancies

63 positions

- 18 full-time A-Scale
- 6 hourly A-Scale
- 34 full-time other-scale
- 5 part-time other-scale

18 A-Scale vacancies support special education.

Hiring remains active as APS prepares for the first day of school, with continued focus on filling special education, instructional support and operational positions.

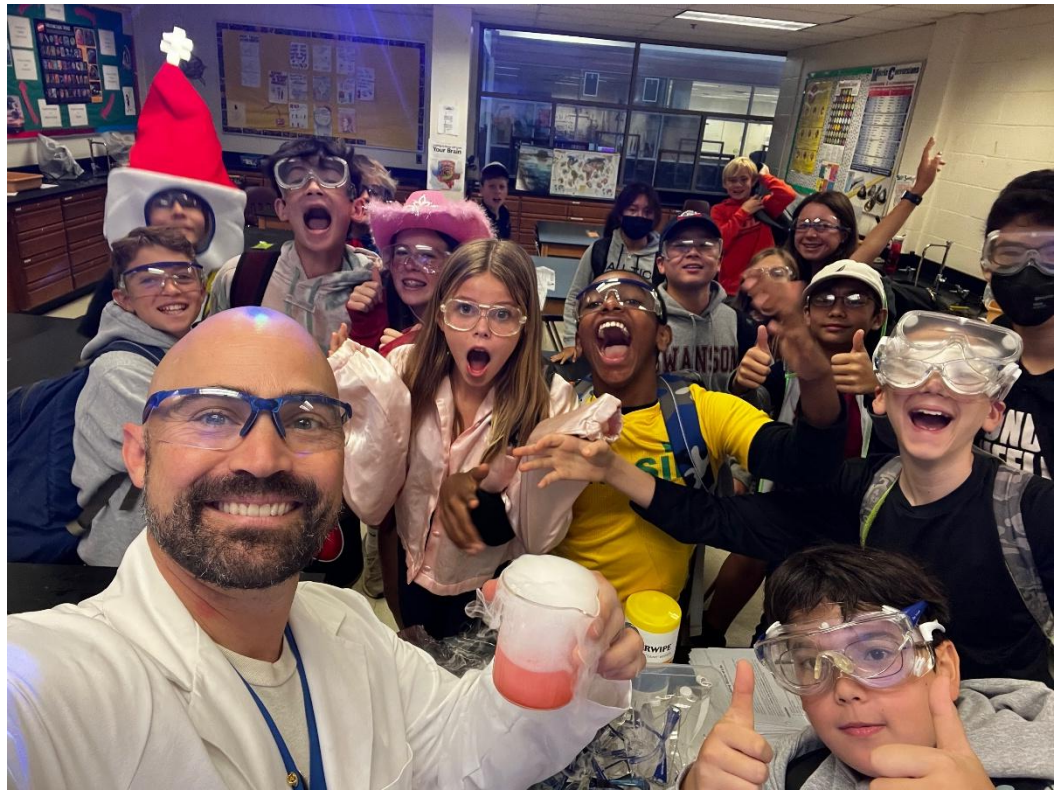
*as of August 7, 2026

Growing Our Own: From APS Staff to Future Special Education Teachers

- **4 APS Employees**
  Accepted to George Mason University
- **2-Year Pathway**
  Bachelor's degree and Virginia Special Education teacher licensure
- **Learn & Work**
  Continue working in APS while completing coursework and clinical experiences
- **Come Back & Lead**
  Upon successful completion and licensure, participants will transition into Special Education teaching positions in APS

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

From Swanson to the Library of Congress



- Daniel Bernhardt: Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow, 2026–27
- Appointed Teacher in Residence at the Library of Congress
- Bringing new STEM learning opportunities to APS students and educators

BRIGHT SPOTS