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2023–30 STRATEGIC PLAN

Executive Limitation 9: Instructional Program

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The Superintendent shall not fail to maintain a program of instruction for all students that is aligned with the Division's Strategic Plan Goals and offers innovative academic learning experiences that foster the strengths and meet the needs of each and every learner. Furthermore, the Superintendent shall not fail to maintain an instructional program that implements professional practices to engage, empower, include, and challenge the whole learner through varied opportunities.

New or Newly Updated - Curriculum

- FCPS is implementing a Standards Alignment Plan in English language arts (grades 3-11) and mathematics (grades 3-6) to strengthen alignment among curriculum, assessment, and instruction, and to support student mastery of the Standards of Learning (SOL).
- FCPS will initiate Water S.A.F.E. Fairfax in the 2026-27 school year, an integrated approach to water safety instruction.
- In the 2025-26 school year, FCPS launched five Montessori Early Childhood classes. This year the program has expanded the number of classrooms and added a site.

New or Newly Updated - Math Curriculum

- In July 2026, the School Board adopted materials in Math 6 (middle school only) through Algebra 2 and several elective courses.
- Actions are in place to support increased access to advanced mathematics in elementary school including:
  - Computational and Algebraic Thinking
  - Elementary math workbooks
  - Compacted Math 5 and Math 5 Advanced
  - Automatic enrollment for identified students into Math 6 Advanced
  - Expansion of Algebra 1 HN in grade 6

New or Newly Updated - Accessibility

- Health education lessons supporting access for students with disabilities are being implemented in grades 5 and 6. The lessons are intended for students requiring modified instruction to meet the Standards of Learning.
- UDL strategies continue to be integrated across offices and departments through professional learning and curriculum resources.
- During the 2026-27 school year, Inclusion School Leadership Team Cohorts will work to improve inclusive practices in all classrooms.

New or Newly Updated - Student Experience

- Following the School Board vote on MS AAP centers, FCPS will begin engaging communities of identified schools regarding the plan for each base school to serve as the assigned site for Full-Time AAP for students within the boundary.
- FCPS will provide all 2nd grade students with an in-person public library experience.
- All elementary schools with grade 6 are expected to participate in the annual Sixth Grade All-County Choral Festival.

New or Newly Updated - Technology

- The Educational Technology Review Committee (ETRC) was established to provide feedback to support the Division in enhancing the responsible, effective, equitable, secure, and developmentally appropriate use of educational technology.
- Students will participate in four required Digital Literacy lessons during the 2026-2027 school year, addressing four key domains: AI Literacy, Digital Citizenship, Information Literacy, and Media Literacy.

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