

# Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Professional Development

Academic Matters - September 2026

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# Strategic Plan Connection

FCPS EXCELLENCE EQUITY & OPPORTUNITY
2023–30 STRATEGIC PLAN

## Goal #2: Safe, Supported, Included, and Empowered

Every student will experience an equitable school community where student health and well-being are prioritized, and student voice is centered.

### Equity Commitment

We will amplify student voice to inform our approaches, honor students' identities and experiences, and ensure student safety and well-being in an inclusive school climate and culture.

### Key Metrics

- Student academic inclusion and engagement
- Positive school climate (safety, inclusion, and sense of belonging; academic support; inclusive, academically-focused culture; and teacher-student trust)



# Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in FCPS

## Access to the Least Restrictive Environment

FCPS is focusing on improving current practices and general education classroom access through Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and refining special education service delivery models to ensure students with disabilities are educated in the least restrictive environment.

## Inclusive Practices & Spaces

Inclusive practices and spaces are a foundational cornerstone for every student to feel a sense of belonging and to thrive to their fullest potential.

## Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

An educational approach to meet the needs of every student with an emphasis on proactively minimizing barriers to learning.



# Supporting Teachers and Staff - Summer 2026

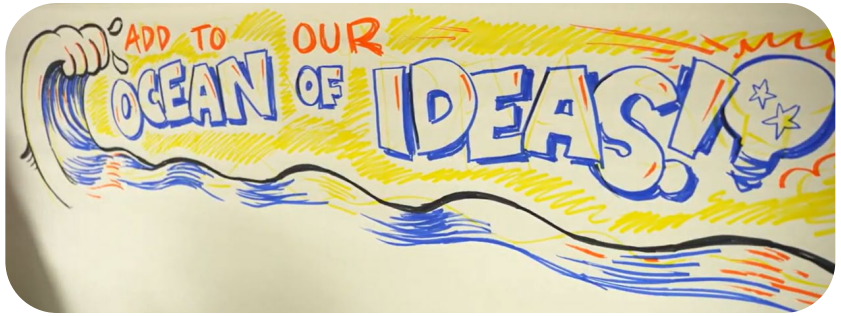
## 2-Day UDL Workshops: From Theory to Classroom Practice

- Intensive Summer UDL 2-day workshops to implement proactive learning strategies
- 3 sessions throughout the summer
- 300+ teacher attendees



## UDL Conference - Making Waves: Practical Design for Inclusive Classrooms

- July 27-28 Summer Conference | Featured Keynote: Dr. Shelley Moore
- Central office and school-based presentations
- Focused on modeling practical UDL strategies for immediate classroom implementation
- 400+ school-based and central office attendees




## Other Professional Learning Opportunities:

- ***Developing an Inclusive Elementary Schedule Workshop*** for administrators and school teams
- ***Inclusion Modules Collaborative Debrief Sessions*** for teachers
- ***Developing an Inclusion SIIP Goal, Strategies and Actions Workshop*** for administrators and school teams
- ***Data Driven Tier 1 Behavior/ Wellness Workshops*** for school teams



# Supporting Teachers and Staff - SY 26-27

### Inclusion School Leadership Team Cohorts

Active across all schools and will meet for professional learning opportunities throughout the school year.

### Inclusive Schooling Modules

Asynchronous modules will be completed by instructional and paraprofessional staff to ensure shared foundation and terminology.

### Self-Paced UDL Microcredential

A program launched last spring and continuing this fall to build teacher-led capacity.

### Curriculum Integration

UDL strategies proactively integrated directly within central curriculum resources.

### PD for Paraprofessionals

Inclusive practices focused professional development opportunities for paraprofessionals throughout the year.

### Partnership with UDL & Inclusion Consultants

Continued opportunities for consulting and learning with experts in UDL and inclusion.

