

City of Alexandria, Virginia
FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
Budget Questions & Answers

April 2, 2025

Question:

Please provide a comparison of Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William school districts in terms of the ratio of Central Office personnel to both teachers and students.

Response

	ACPS	APS	FCPS	PWCPS	PGCPS	LCPS
Total Enrollment	16,646	27,562	181,091	90,709	133,112	81,629
Teachers	1,971	3,042	16,175	7,103	8,954	7,579
Office of the School Board	3	3	25.5	17	29	10
Superintendent's Office	2	2	19	41	5	21
Finance	27	56	118.8	113	168	71
<i>Budget</i>	7	7	118.8	56.5	20	18
<i>Accounting</i>	6	7		56.5	61	53
<i>Payroll</i>	4	5			25	
<i>Procurement</i>	8	6			62	
<i>ERP</i>	2	31				
HR	24	40	138	120.2	247	105
<i>HR</i>	23	36	131	79.5	129	88.5
<i>Division Counsel</i>	1	4	7	12.5	19	6
<i>Other</i>				28.2	99	10.5
Tech Services	60	141	292.5	179	220.5	274
TLL	165	344.7	343	687.8	1279.51	1127.7
Student Services/Equity	23.18	149	45	70.8	494	3557.6
Chief of Support	0	58	146.8	0		
Communications	25	15		28	43	44
Facilities and Operations	325	513.25	773.1	2122.58	2231.27	2511.5
<i>Food Services*</i>	121	156	57.5	669.38		419
<i>Transportation</i>	161	263	510.3	1116.7	1481.77	941
<i>Safety and Security Services</i>	3	2	110	13	314	118
<i>Facilities Management</i>	40	92.25	95.3	323.5	435.5	1033.5
Other School Programs/Alt ED	26	314.93			23	
Accountability/School Improvement	8	8		28	110.12	
Total positions	688.18	1644.88	1901.7	3407.38	4850.4	7721.8
NET Positions added/(eliminated) for FY 2026	-8	-27.4	8	108.5	8	14.5
Ratio Students to Dept Staff	24.2	16.8	95.2	26.6	27.4	10.6
Ratio Students to Teacher	8.4	9.1	11.2	12.8	14.9	10.8

Department names are not consistent across divisions so it is necessary to read the description to attempt to align like positions.

PWPS Budget and Accounting grouped together. They have a total of 113.

PWPS Superintendent's Office FTEs equals their Executive Cabinet. ACPS Executive Cabinet is 8 FTEs and are budgeted in their respective departments

APS eliminated 30 positions from their Chief Academic Office

ACPS eliminated vacant custodian and head custodian positions in accordance with its attrition plan

*FCPS There are currently hourly salaried positions that support the FCPS Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program. This includes positions such as food service workers, food kitchen managers, food production assistants, temporary substitute food service workers, van drivers, and hourly central office positions. By not including these positions in the total food service FTE it skews the number of students per dept staff ratio.