

TOPIC

ACHS Bathroom Conditions

TOPIC DESCRIPTION

ACHS bathrooms are frequently locked, unsanitary, and missing basic supplies like soap and paper towels. All 4,600+ students at ACHS are affected every day. Students are losing class time searching for open bathrooms and face health risks from dirty conditions. This matters because basic hygiene is essential for learning and wellbeing. Without clean, accessible bathrooms, students cannot focus, stay healthy, or feel comfortable at school.

BASELINE DATA & GOAL

Data: 52.4% of ACHS students report trouble finding a clean bathroom every single day.
(Student survey, 21 responses)

Goal: Reduce that number to 0% — 100% of ACHS bathrooms should be unlocked and cleaned at least twice daily.

CYCP GOAL & STRATEGIC AREA

Goal: Improve school facilities and student health and well being.

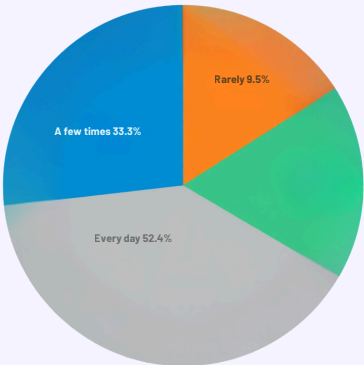
This fits because dirty, locked bathrooms directly harm the physical health, comfort, and daily school experience of Alexandria youth a core CYCP priority.

WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?

ACHS has a facilities and maintenance department but no clear policy requiring bathrooms to stay open and clean throughout the school day. Survey data shows the problem is widespread and getting worse.

How often do students struggle to find a bathroom?

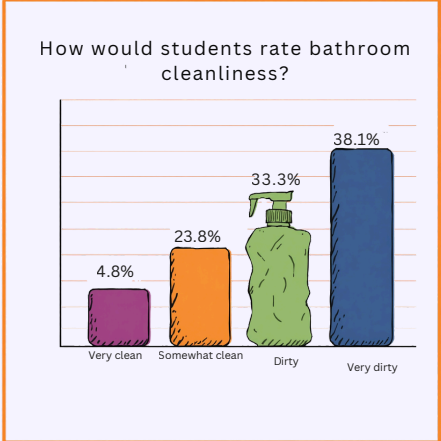
- Every day 52.4%
- A few times 33.3%
- Rarely 9.5%
- Never 4.8%



This shows more than half of students struggle daily. This matters because students are missing class and being put at a health risk every single day.

How would students rate bathroom cleanliness?

- Very dirty 38.1%
- Dirty 33.3%
- Somewhat clean 23.8%
- Very clean 4.8%



Should ACHS make bathrooms a top priority?

Over 70% of students rated bathrooms as dirty or very dirty. This matters because unsanitary conditions are a serious health risk for students.

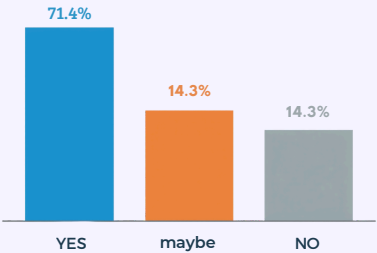
- Yes, definitely 71.4%
- Maybe 14.3%
- No 14.3%

71.4% of students say this must be a top priority. This matters because students are clearly asking for change and leadership must listen.

Strategies already tried: ACPS has a facilities team that handles building maintenance.

Are they working? No. 85% of students have already missed class time due to this problem. Current efforts are not enough.

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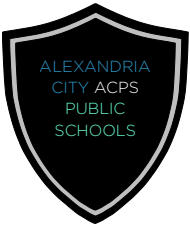
WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TRIED?

ACPS has a Facilities and Maintenance Department and assigns custodial staff to school buildings. Some bathrooms are cleaned overnight. However, there is no policy requiring bathrooms to stay unlocked or be checked during the school day

WHO CAN HELP?

LH
Lance Harrell
ACHS Executive Principal — can create and enforce a bathroom policy.

AO
Amanda Ou
ACPS Executive Director of Facilities — can assign daily cleaning staff and oversee maintena



WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

- Quantity:** Some overnight cleaning occurs but no daytime schedule exists.
- Quality:** Not working well — 70%+ of students still rate bathrooms as dirty or very dirty.

IS IT ACTUALLY HELPING?

No. People are not better off. 52.4% still struggle every day and 85% have missed class time. The problem is staying the same or getting worse. Current actions are not making a measurable difference.

WHAT SHOULD CHANGE? (YOUR SOLUTION)

ACHS should create a policy requiring all student bathrooms to stay unlocked during school hours and be cleaned and restocked with soap and paper towels at least twice a day. This does not require major new spending only a clear commitment and a daily schedule. Since 71.4% of students say this should be a top priority and 85% have already missed class time because of this issue, the data clearly supports urgent action.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Students will miss less class time and stay healthier. All 4,600+ ACHS students will benefit from cleaner, safer facilities. A healthier school environment leads to better focus and better academic performance for everyone.

LEARN MORE

- Resource 1:** actheogony.com — ACHS student newspaper coverage of bathroom conditions. Shows the problem is real and student-documented.
- Resource 2:** acps.k12.va.us/departments/facilities-operations — Shows who is responsible and what resources already exist.

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