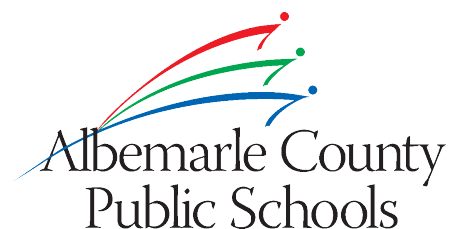


Fast Facts

- 98,970 Albemarle County residents (2010 census)
- \$155.3 million school operating budget
- 27 schools, all accredited by the Virginia Department of Education:
 - 16 elementary schools (pre-K through grade 5)
 - 5 middle schools (grades 6-8)
 - 1 charter middle school (grades 6-8)
 - 3 comprehensive high schools (grades 9-12)
 - 1 charter high school (grades 9-12)
 - 1 Vocational-Technical Center
- 1 Alternative Education Center
- 1 STEM Academy and 1 STEM-H Academy (grades 9-12):
 - Math, Engineering and Science Academy (MESA)
 - Health and Medical Sciences Academy (HMSA)
- 13,263 students (pre-K through grade 12):
 - 10.7% are identified as Gifted
 - 10.1% are served by Special Education
 - 27.3% are eligible for free/reduced lunch
 - 852 are identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP)
 - 247 are identified as homeless
- 51 languages are spoken by our students
- 93.4% on-time graduation rate
- 3:1 student-to-computer ratio
- 6,325 school lunches served daily
- 13,561 miles traveled daily by our school buses

Note: Data reported is current as of Fall 2013; however, data fluctuates based on enrollment.



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► OUR VISION

All learners believe in their power to embrace learning, to excel, and to own their future.



► OUR MISSION

The core purpose of Albemarle County Public Schools is to establish a community of learners and learning, through relationships, relevance, and rigor, one student at a time.



► OUR VALUES

Excellence
Young People
Community
Respect

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

Unleashing Each Student's Potential

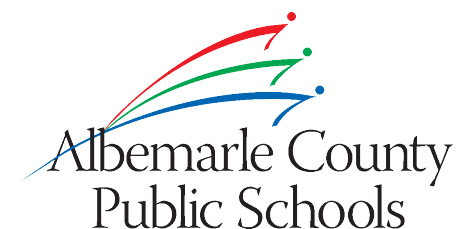
Developing 21st century learners, workers and citizens

Albemarle County Public Schools is committed to graduating all students on-time, prepared for post-graduate success in college and as citizens and members of the workforce. In fulfilling this commitment, our emphasis is on building a strong foundation in the traditional "3Rs" and adding instructional methods that develop a student's ability to master critical thinking skills, communicate clearly and collaboratively, and use creativity and imagination to solve problems.

A well-rounded education expands learning opportunities beyond the "3Rs" through exposure to robust programs in the fine arts, physical education and health, and technical and vocational fields.

While exceeding federal and state testing requirements continues to be a goal, the division is moving beyond these requirements to incorporate performance-based assessments—measurements that are more closely aligned with requirements for success in higher education and the workforce.

In Albemarle County Public Schools, we believe education should transform lives beyond imagination. We are leading the change through implementation of such innovative initiatives as Learning Spaces and our STEM and STEM-H academies.





► ASSESSMENTS

Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) supports a rigorous curriculum accompanied by a meaningful system of accountability. We support balanced assessments that measure the development of lifelong learning skills, such as critical and creative thinking and problem solving, through measures of student achievement and authentic measures of student growth not provided by the current assessment system. We also support the following measures:

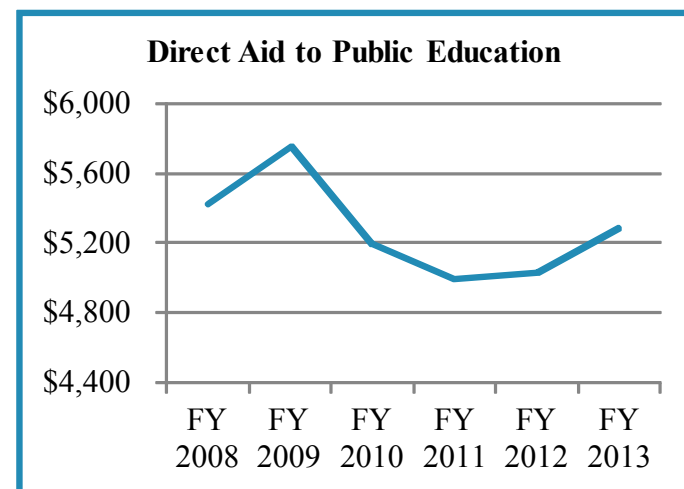
- Expanded access to expedited retakes.
- Decreasing the number of SOL tests required at the elementary and middle school levels.
- Increased flexibility for local school divisions to establish testing windows.
- The use of statistically valid sampling techniques.
- Waivers to high performing school divisions to implement performance-based assessments.

► VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

ACPS supports a consistent approach to Virginia Retirement System funding that includes the restoration of funds to maintain long-term solvency. This will allow localities to develop budgets and benefit plans without constant revisions due to the frequency of changes to the required local contribution.

► STANDARDS OF QUALITY

ACPS supports an increase in funding for the Standards of Quality (SOQ) to offset years of reductions to reflect the True cost of meeting such requirements. The true cost will incorporate the continual changes and updates to the Standards of Accreditation and the Standards of Learning. Rebenchmarking for the 2014-2016 biennium should be fully funded to incorporate best practices in data collection and methodology.



► FLEXIBILITY

We support legislation that increases flexibility for local school divisions. Increasing flexibility allows school divisions to improve effectiveness and efficiency and to reflect the needs of their local communities.

World-Class Education

Albemarle County Public Schools students ...

- Earn an on-time graduation rate (93%) well above the state average, and drop-out at a far lower rate than elsewhere in the state.
- Score in the top 3% of students in the state, and well above the national average, on the SATs.
- Place Albemarle County in the top 3% of all school divisions in the United States and Canada in advanced placement studies, according to the College Board. Two-thirds of our graduating seniors earn advanced studies diplomas, over 20% better than the average for all public high schools in Virginia.
- In our Math, Engineering & Science Academy were awarded over \$1 million dollars in scholarships last year; advanced to the International Science and Engineering Fair, with finalists from more than 80 countries; took ten first place finishes in the Piedmont Regional Science Fair; and designed and built the World Champion 1-meter Robotic Sailboat.
- Increased their enrollment in Fine Arts courses by 30% over the past three years, and earned more than 330 industry credentials in Career and Technical Education.
- Learned computer programming, robotics, and web design at the summer CoderDojo academies held throughout the County.

► OUR OBJECTIVES

We Will ...

Engage every student

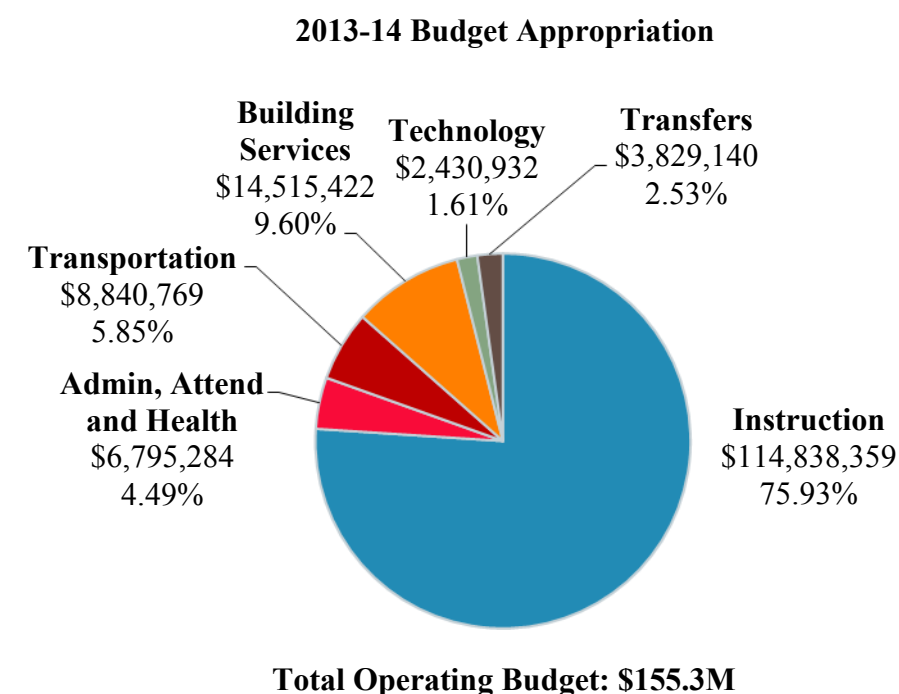
Implement balanced assessments

Improve opportunity and achievement

Create and expand partnerships

Optimize resources

All Albemarle County Public Schools students will graduate having actively mastered the lifelong-learning standards they need to succeed as 21st century learners, workers and citizens.



Total Operating Budget: \$155.3M

