

REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL ON ACI – THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTION TWO WAYS TO SERVE

ACI (ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTION, COMPOSED OF SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES)

The Advisory Council on Instruction (ACI) provides parent input to the School Board and is composed of representatives from each APS school or program and certain community organizations, to assist in reviewing the system-wide instructional program in areas the School Board wishes to review, and in developing recommendations for improvement. (Examples from this Spring include One to One and K through 12 Instructional Program Pathways.) ACI also serves as a laboratory for community ideas for improvement and innovation, presenting those ideas, also, to the School Board.

Every school and program within APS has the right – and is encouraged strongly – to be represented on ACI. Elementary schools/programs can have one representative and secondary schools/programs can have two. If you're interested in serving, please ask your PTA (or principal if no PTA exists) to appoint you! Representatives needn't have expertise but should have interest in APS instruction and be able to commit to attend meetings. ACI meets 10-12 times per year; representatives are encouraged to report ACI news to their school/PTA communities.

ACI'S SUBJECT-MATTER ADVISORY COMMITTEES

In addition to the Advisory Council itself, a number of subject-matter advisory committees make recommendations to ACI annually, which ACI members consider and evaluate, and which are then presented to the School Board with ACI's collective evaluations, for the School Board's consideration. Those committees include Arlington Special Ed Advisory Committee (ASEAC); Arts Education; Career, Technical, and Adult Education; Early Childhood Education; English Language Arts; ESOL/HILT; Gifted Services; Math; Science; Social Studies; Student Services; and World Languages. There are no limits to the number of parents from any school who can serve on these committees. ACI school representatives are welcome -- but not required -- to serve on subject-matter advisory committees, as well.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Dana Milburn, ACI Co-Chair, at dmdb@rcn.com