



School Board

FY 2024 Budget Direction

The mission of Arlington Public Schools is to ensure all students learn and thrive in safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments. The School Board is committed to ensuring that APS financially supports its mission in FY 2024 by providing a high-quality education to all students while laying the groundwork for success and sustainability in the future.

The School Board, therefore, directs the Superintendent to prepare a needs-based budget that:

- Aligns to the 2022-2023 School Board Priorities
- Maintains our commitment to recruit, hire, retain, and invest in a high-quality and diverse workforce by sustainably funding market-competitive salary scales and benefits
- Ensures resources are allocated for a study of planning factors with an equity lens. Include a review of planning factors for services for students with disabilities, English Learners, and students with additional needs based on current and historical data. Provide a phased, multi-year plan for adjusting Planning Factors that addresses staffing, supplies, and other supports as necessary to meet student needs. As resources allow, propose changes to planning factors for FY 2024.

The School Board further directs the Superintendent to:

- Provide details for changes in: any major expenditure category (FTEs, salaries, benefits, purchased services, etc.), allocations between school based and non-school based positions, and total budget in each category
- Provide recommendations for strategic changes to service delivery, adjusted enrollment projections, use of reserves, changes in fee schedules, phased-in additions, and additional measures to balance the budget as appropriate
- Provide three-year forecasts of revenues and expenditures to gauge long-term financial sustainability