

## Lesson Plan: Mapping Fairfax County Service Providers

### **Connection to POS: Benchmark 4.25 – Powers and Characteristics of local government in Virginia**

This lesson is designed to make students more familiar with the range of services provided to citizens by Fairfax County Government, and the accessibility of those services. It involves mapping and independent research.



### **Objectives**

At the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- § depict the locations of a variety of county service providers relative to their own homes.
- § identify and analyze the kinds of programs and services performed by local government.



### **Materials**

- § poster board
- § markers
- § *Fairfax County Citizens Handbook* (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/handbook/main.htm>)



### **Time Needed**

This activity might work best as a homework assignment, or could be researched in a computer lab during a 90-minute period and completed in the classroom during an additional 90-minute period.



### **Procedures**

1. Provide the attached list of county services and locations connected to the Fairfax County Government to each student.
2. Direct the students to research the locations of any ten of these services using the *Fairfax County Citizens Handbook*. Tell them to compose a hand-drawn map that illustrates the location of their home, major roads, and the location of each of the services chosen.



### **Assessment**

The students' posters can be graded on accuracy of information, creativity, use of appropriate scale and keys, and attractiveness.



### **Extensions**

Students could be asked to add additional locations to their maps, could be asked to present their maps to the class orally, could work on the maps in groups, or could be asked to visit and report on some of the service locations themselves.

## Fairfax County Service Providers

Adult ESL Instruction	Ambulance
Animal Shelter	Birth Certificates
Boat Registration	Community Center
Elementary School	Fairfax Fair
Farmers' Market	Fire Station
Handgun Registration	High School
HIV/AIDS Testing	Hospital
Juvenile Court	Legal Assistance
Library	Marriage License
Mental Health Service	Metro Station
Middle School	Motor Vehicle Registration
Park	Police Station
Polling Place	Recreation Center
Senior Center	Tax Payment
Teen Center	Visitor Center