

Response to Questions on the FY 2011 Budget

Request By: Board of Supervisors

Question: For the students currently enrolled at Pimmit, please provide a summary of how the other alternative high schools and FCPS programs will serve them, including the impact on transportation.

Response: The following answer was provided by the Fairfax County Public Schools:

The Department of Special Services (DSS) has a goal of zero dropouts resulting from the closing of Pimmit. In order to meet this goal, DSS is working individually with each Pimmit student regarding placements for the 2010-2011 school year. With assistance from DSS, students select a site based on program offerings, schedule, and location.

According to 153 student interviews completed as of March 26, 2010, 22 students have indicated they will attend Bryant Alternative High School, 17 will attend Mountain View Alternative High School, 70 will attend Woodson Adult High School provided a day program is made available, and six have requested to return to their base schools. Six students also plan to apply to the Landmark Academy, but this program has a limited capacity of 40 students. A total of 29 students have indicated they will attend one of the alternative programs (ALC, TSRC, and CEI) to be offered at the Pimmit Hills Center site. Three students have chosen other FCPS options.

Public transportation and proximity to work are important factors in these students' decisions. Woodson Adult High School and Landmark Career Academy offer the easiest access to public transportation. Other students have their own transportation and have chosen Mountain View High School or Bryant High School due to proximity to work or home. There will be no additional FCPS transportation costs.

Students are being advised of all of the locations where nontraditional school programs are offered, such as those listed in the following table:

Nontraditional School Programs

School Name	Location	Schedule	Primary Population	Program Summary
Mountain View HS	5775 Spindle Court Centreville, VA 20121	Day, some evening	School-aged <23 and some adults as capacity permits	Mountain View Alternative High School offers programs designed to help students whose life circumstances often result in interrupted schooling. The adult/alternative high school population consists of students who may be pregnant or parenting, English Language Learners, older students who are returning to finish their high school graduation requirements and students who need a flexible or extended program to accommodate their work or family situations. Mountain View's options for credit include a range of standard course offerings and elective courses needed for graduation. Courses are offered from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. during the school week.
Bryant HS	2709 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22015	Day and late afternoon	School-aged <23 and some adults as capacity permits	Bryant Adult/Alternative High School offers students a nontraditional academic option. Bryant offers day, afternoon, and evening high school courses to meet graduation requirements. Students have the opportunity to enter courses on an open-enrollment basis. Bryant offers its students employment skills as well as opportunities in various career areas. In addition, a variety of programs promotes student involvement and academic success. They include English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), Project Opportunity, student leadership, National Honor Society-BETA, Reclaiming Youth Leadership, and Chill 101. Bryant has graduation February, June, and August each year.
Landmark Career Academy (LCA)	5801 Duke Street Suite D-216 Alexandria, VA 22304	Day	School-aged <23 and some adults as capacity permits	Landmark Career Academy (LCA) is a satellite program of Bryant High School. LCA is located at Landmark Mall in Alexandria, Virginia, and is a cooperative effort among Landmark Mall, Communities in Schools, and Fairfax County Public Schools. The program, with open enrollment, offers high school students with 12-14 credits the opportunity to apply. Students attend a three-day orientation and must complete an interview with the admissions committee prior to acceptance. The school provides an opportunity for the nontraditional learner to complete a high school diploma through an individualized, self-paced, school-to-work program.

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Transition Support Resource Center (TSRC)	<p>Bryant HS 2709 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22015</p> <p>Westfield HS 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. Chantilly, VA 20151</p> <p>Fairfax City 4000 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax, VA 22030</p> <p>Pimmit Hills Center 7510 Lisle Avenue Falls Church, VA 22043</p>	Day	School-aged <23 And adult	<p>Transition Support Resource Centers (TSRC) target students who have been involved in serious offenses in the base schools and may be adjudicated with Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts. The TSRC at Bryant is a regional center in cooperation with Alexandria City Public Schools and funded by two grants. Students in grade levels 9-12 are eligible for these programs. Selected seventh and eighth graders will be considered on a case-by-case basis. These centers offer a short-term (approximately two months) program designed to provide individualized instruction and support services, seminars involving social skills training, career exploration, vocational assessment, and goal setting. Family and individual counseling, parenting workshops, and skills development and guidance in choosing subsequent placements are also incorporated within the centers. Content is taught through the independent study educational model and small group instruction. Two of the programs use online courses as well. The TSRC focus is to improve students' academic performance and assist them in successful re-entry into their next educational placement.</p>
Transitional ESOL High School (TEHS)	<p>Annandale HS 4700 Medford Drive Annandale, VA 22003</p> <p>Falls Church HS 7521 Jaguar Trail Falls Church, VA 22042</p> <p>Lee HS 6540 Franconia Road Springfield, VA 22150</p> <p>South Lakes HS 11400 South Lakes Drive Reston, VA 20191</p>	Late afternoon and evenings	Adults (18 and older)	<p>The Transitional ESOL High Schools (TEHS) provide instruction for older ESOL students (18-up) who wish to earn their high school diploma. Students are in Grades 9-11, depending on their prior educational background. Classes are held from 4:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays. The Transitional ESOL High Schools provide instruction at four sites, sharing space at Falls Church HS, Robert E. Lee HS, Annandale HS and South Lakes HS. Students provide their own transportation to school. The instructional program consists of the WIDA Levels 1/2 (Beginning) ESOL curriculum and Mathematics classes (FAST Math, Introduction to Algebra and Algebra 1). Students earn elective credits for graduation for all courses except Algebra 1, which earns them content credit in math. The Transitional High Schools do not offer a diploma; however, when students attain the intermediate level of WIDA Levels 2/3, they may continue studies at the adult high school to earn a high school diploma.</p>

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Computer Enhanced Instruction Program (CEI)	<p>Pimmit Hills Center 7510 Lisle Avenue Falls Church, VA 22043</p> <p>Reston Teen Center, YMCA 12196 Sunset Hills Drive Reston, VA 22190</p> <p>Seven Corners 6245 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22044</p> <p>South County Government Center 8350 Richmond Hwy. Suite 119 Alexandria, VA 22309</p> <p>Cedar Lane School 101 Cedar Lane, S.W. Vienna, VA 22180</p>	Day	School-aged <23 And adult	The Computer Enhanced Instruction (CEI) program serves students in the expulsion process who have been placed by the FCPS School Board and/or Hearings Office and selected students who might be placed by the Coordinator of Nontraditional School Programs (NSP). Students are enrolled in online classes and receive supplemental instruction from FCPS teachers at each site who are certified in various content areas, including special education. The program is housed in the Teen Center of the Reston YMCA, the South County Government Center, Seven Corners, Vienna, and Devonshire Center.
Independent Study Program (ISP)	<p>ISP Fairfax 4080 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax, VA 22030</p> <p>ISP Reston 1850 Cameron Glen Dr. Suite 400 Reston, VA 22090</p> <p>ISP Alexandria 8350 Richmond Hwy. Suite 119 Alexandria, VA 22309</p>	Day by appt.	School-aged <23 And Adult	The Independent Study program is designed to serve juveniles between the ages of 16 and 18 who are on probation or parole and who have not been successful in a group setting. Five teachers serve the population of at-risk students who are referred by officers of the court. Students are tutored in juvenile court offices throughout the county. ISP offers students a flexible school schedule. Students meet with the teacher on a one-to-one basis and receive assignments that are to be completed independently at home. In addition, students are required to work in a job or complete volunteer hours. The juvenile court assists students with job placement when necessary.
Achievement, Integrity, and Maturity Program (AIM)	<p>Mt View 5775 Spindle Court Centreville, VA 20121</p> <p>Bryant 2709 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22015</p>	24/7	School-aged <23 And adult	The AIM Program serves students in grades 7-12 who have been excluded, expelled or reassigned from traditional Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) programming due to serious violations of the code of conduct outlined in the Student Responsibilities and Rights (SR&R). AIM stands for "Achievement", "Integrity", and "Maturity". Teachers focus on these three areas in order to assure that students make academic progress, show improvement in personal honor, and develop skills in self-sufficiency and independence.

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Alternative Learning Center (ALC), 9-12	Pimmit Hills Center 7510 Lisle Avenue Falls Church, VA 22043	Day	School-aged <23 and adult	The ALC at Pimmit Hills will serve 9-12 grade students who a need educational programming in the Falls Church area in addition to the population normally served by the program. The Alternative Learning Center (ALC) was originally designed to provide continued educational opportunities for students in grades K-10 who have been involved in serious disciplinary incidents. The curriculum, textbooks, and materials meet expectations to pursue a high school diploma. The expansion of this program is in response to the closing of Pimmit Hills HS.
GRANTS GED Program	Bryant HS 2709 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22015 Westfield HS 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. Chantilly, VA 20151 Massey Annex 4080 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax, VA 22032 Herndon Neighborhood Center 1086 Elden Street Herndon, VA 20170 Merrifield 2812 Old Lee Hwy. Fairfax, VA 22031 Seven Corners 6245 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22042	Day	School-aged <23	The GRANTS program provides an opportunity for eligible students ages 16 and over to take the GED test at an earlier age and receive job-related instruction in the use of computers. All students will also learn skills that will improve their behavior in the work place and will have an opportunity for job shadowing or an internship. This program is partially funded by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) as an Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP) program. Four teachers and part-time hourly staff provide the instruction.

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Woodson Adult HS	4105 Whitacre Road Fairfax, VA 22032	Day, late afternoon and evening (open enrollment most of the year)	Adults (18 and older)	<p>Woodson Adult HS offers all the courses needed to earn a standard high school diploma. The following options are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take up to four courses every 6 months, all taught by certified Fairfax County Public Schools teachers • Take college courses for both high school and college credit • Take correspondence or independent study courses with the support of an advisor • Participate in <i>History on Location</i> Saturday mini-courses • Work with trained volunteer tutors <p>Students may also earn credits through the following individual options (Credit by Objective):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on an independent study with the help of an advisor • Complete courses by mail • Take community college courses <p>Cost is per six-month period and based on a sliding scale.</p>
General Educational Development (GED) Adult Program and Adult Skill Courses	<p>Woodson AHS 4105 Whitacre Road Fairfax, VA 22032</p> <p>Bryant HS 2709 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22015</p> <p>Herndon HS 700 Bennett Street Herndon, VA 20170</p> <p>Falls Church Skill Source Center 6245 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22044</p>	Day and evening	Adults (18 and older)	<p>The GED Test is a national test which measures your knowledge and thinking skills in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Students receive an equivalency certificate accepted by most employers and colleges after passing all five parts of the test. Preparation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending an information session to determine options for preparing for the tests • Working with a volunteer tutor • Taking practice GED tests • Using a GED preparation book available at bookstores • Taking adult skill courses or a GED prep class (60 hour classes offered 3 times per year, \$52 per class) <p>Adult Skill Courses are also available for students just wanting to improve skills in language arts and/or math.</p>

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National External Diploma Program (NEDP)	<p>Woodson AHS 4105 Whitacre Road Fairfax, VA 22032</p> <p>Bryant HS 2709 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22015</p> <p>Falls Church High School 7521 Jaguar Trail Falls Church, VA 22042</p> <p>Falls Church Skill Source Center 6245 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22044</p> <p>ACE Herndon Learning Lab 416 Elden Street Herndon, VA 20170</p> <p>Willston Multicultural Center 6131 Willston Drive Falls Church, VA 22044</p>	Day and evening	School-aged <23 And adult	<p>The NEDP is a two-part program leading to an adult high school diploma. Students demonstrate reading, writing, and math skills through a series of tasks and projects. Students may work at their own pace, completing most of the work at home. Cost is the same as the Woodson Adult High School.</p> <p><i>Part 1</i> – Meet with an advisor to identify reading, writing, and math skills. If skill improvement is needed, students can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive support in a study group • Meet with a tutor one-on-one • Study in a learning lab (tutors available) • Enroll in a class to improve skills <p><i>Part 2</i> – Work to successfully complete each of five EDP task booklets as take-home projects. Meet with an assessor weekly to demonstrate learning and skills.</p> <p>Note: Advisors and assessors meet clients at various locations throughout Fairfax County.</p>
Adult ESOL	<p>Annandale HS <i>(High Beginning to High Advanced – PM)</i> 4700 Medford Drive Annandale, VA 22003</p> <p>Bryant Adult Center <i>(Literacy to High Advanced – AM and PM)</i> 2709 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22306</p> <p>Centreville Adult Center <i>(Low Intermediate to Low Advanced – AM and AFT)</i> 5775 Spindle Court Centreville, VA 20121</p> <p>Centreville HS <i>(Low Beginning to High Advanced – PM)</i> 6001 Union Mill Road Clifton, VA 20124</p> <p>Chantilly HS <i>(Literacy to High Advanced – PM)</i> 4201 Stringfellow Road Chantilly, VA 20151</p>	Morning (AM), Afternoons (AFT), and Evenings (PM)	Adults	<p>The Adult ESOL program offers not-for-credit English classes at several levels of proficiency to foreign born adults learning English as a new language. Classes prepare adults to function in English in the community as students, workers, parents, and citizens.</p> <p>Classes serve not only as a place to learn English, but also to disseminate information to the students in a comprehensible fashion about parenting and schooling, working in the United States, living in a democracy, continuing education, being consumers, accessing services, etc.</p>

Herndon Adult Center

(Low Beginning to High Advanced – AM)

901 Locust Street
Herndon, VA 20170

Herndon HSI *(Literacy to High Advanced – PM)*

700 Bennett Street
Herndon, VA 20170

Mott Community Center

(High Intermediate to High Advanced – AM and AFT)

12111 Braddock Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Pimmit Hills Center

(Low Intermediate to High Advanced – AM, AFT, and PM)

7510 Lisle Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22043

Plum Center

(High Beginning to High Advanced – AM, AFT, and PM)

6815 Edsall Road
Springfield, VA 22151

South County

Secondary

(Low Beginning to Low Advanced – PM)

8501 Silverbrook Road
Lorton, VA 22079

Willston Multicultural Center, Seven Corners

(Literacy to High Advanced – AM and PM),

6131 Willston Drive
Falls Church, VA 22044

Woodson HS

Literacy to High Advanced – PM)

9525 Main Street
Fairfax, VA 22031