

Response to Questions on the FY 2014 Budget

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Question: Please provide a breakdown of school-based positions, including how many are in-class teachers, how many are counselors etc. How are these figures used to determine reported class size metrics?

Response: The following response was prepared by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS):

Average class sizes and students per teacher-scale position are reported in the Washington Area Boards of Education (WABE) Guide enabling residents to compare local school jurisdictions. Below is the class size chart from the FY 2013 WABE Guide including footnotes explaining the methodology agreed upon by the WABE jurisdictions for these calculations. The entire WABE Guide is available here:

<http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/wabe/2013.pdf>

School Division	Students per Classroom Teacher ¹			Students per Teacher-Scale Position ²		
	Elementary	Middle / Intermediate	Secondary / High	Elementary	Middle / Intermediate	Secondary / High
Alexandria City	20.9	18.0	19.7	10.2	11.3	14.0
Arlington County	20.8	20.4	19.5	10.1	16.2	16.6
Fairfax County	21.4	24.4	24.9	14.1	19.9	20.9
Falls Church City	22.3	24.6	23.9	13.3	18.9	18.4
Loudoun County	24.7	24.3	25.8	17.1	22.4	22.1
Manassas City	21.3	20.5	24.7	11.6	17.5	17.6
Manassas Park City	18.6	29.1	27.7	12.1	20.3	19.9
Montgomery County	17.7	24.7	25.9	13.2	21.4	23.2
Prince George's County	23.5	24.5	24.7	14.8	16.5	16.8
Prince William County	22.8	28.8	29.2	15.1	20.4	21.9

Note: Chart excludes teachers and students in pre-K, kindergarten, alternative schools, and self-contained special education.

¹ Classroom teachers are positions used to determine class size.

² Students per teacher-scale positions include classroom teachers and other teachers such as ESOL/ESL, librarians, reading, coaches, mentors, music, art, physical education, etc.

The FY 2013 Approved Budget includes 13,468.4 in-class teacher positions. The “students per classroom teacher” calculation as determined by WABE excludes 5,688.0 of these in-class teachers. Excluded are kindergarten teachers (597.0), special education teachers (2,946.8), English for Speakers of Other Languages teachers (862.1), elementary art/music/physical education teachers (739.7), reading specialists (199.0), alternative education teachers (186.7), and band and strings teachers (156.7).

The following chart is a breakdown of school-based positions:

Total in-class teachers	13,488.4
Other teacher-scale positions	
School counselors	648.0
Librarians	237.0
Staffing reserve teachers	200.1
Instructional support teachers	178.1
Physical/Occupational therapists	80.0
Advanced academic resource teachers	89.5
Audiologists	14.5
Total teacher-scale positions	14,801.6
Other school-based positions	
Principals and assistant principals	848.5
Specialists and technical personnel	1,038.8
Classroom assistants	2,988.5
Office assistants	1,088.5
Tradespersons and custodial	1,381.0
Total school-based positions	21,917.8