

Response to Questions on the FY 2011 Budget

Request By: Supervisors Foust and McKay

Question: Please provide the most up-to-date WABE charts, providing jurisdictional breakdowns in categories of average cost per pupil, average class size, school population size, and percent of children available for special education.

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

The complete FY 2010 WABE Guide can be accessed at <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/wabe/2010.pdf>.
The requested charts have been copied from the book and are as follows:

Average Cost per Pupil

School Division	FY 2008 Approved	FY 2009 Approved	FY 2010 Approved
Arlington County	\$18,563	\$19,538	\$18,569
Falls Church City	\$18,474	\$18,311	\$18,116
Alexandria City	\$19,341	\$19,078	\$18,003
Montgomery County	\$14,705	\$15,252	\$15,490
Fairfax County	\$13,407	\$13,340	\$12,898
Prince George's County	\$12,107	\$12,517	\$12,267
Manassas City	\$12,067	\$13,105	\$12,192
Loudoun County	\$12,751	\$12,780	\$11,997
Prince William County	\$10,429	\$10,776	\$10,383

Note: Uniform formulas were developed by the WABE committee for consistency areawide. These numbers are comparable; however, the cost per pupil reported here may differ from that reported in individual districts' budget documents or other reports.

Average Class Size

School Division	Students per Classroom Teacher			Students per Teacher-Scale Position		
	Elementary	Middle / Intermediate	Secondary / High	Elementary	Middle / Intermediate	Secondary / High
Alexandria City	19.8	23.7	25.0	8.6	16.0	15.0
Arlington County	18.6	19.7	17.6	9.7	15.7	14.8
Fairfax County	21.2	24.1	24.9	13.3	18.6	19.0
Falls Church City	21.1	22.5	20.6	11.9	17.5	17.6
Loudoun County	22.4	19.8	24.8	14.6	16.4	21.4
Manassas City	16.0	22.4	21.4	9.8	18.8	18.5
Montgomery County	20.7	30.9	28.5	12.1	19.7	21.3
Prince George's County	17.5	20.3	25.1	12.5	11.0	22.7
Prince William County ¹	22.3	31.0	28.9	14.1	20.2	20.9

Note: Classroom teachers are positions used to determine class size.

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

Excludes teachers and students in pre-K, kindergarten, and self-contained special education.

¹ Prince William County does not include alternative education classroom teachers or alternative education students in the calculation of average class size. Typically, student to teacher ratios in alternative settings are lower than in traditional classrooms.

School Population (FY 2010 Approved)

School Division	Preschool*	Head Start	Kindergarten	Grades 1-12	Special Education Level 2 (50% or more of the time)	Total Enrollment
Alexandria City	152	0	1,201	10,099	107	11,559
Arlington County ¹	1,058	0	1,716	15,877	1,479	20,130
Fairfax County	2,128	1,288	11,829	146,045	12,283	173,573
Falls Church City	42	0	132	1,737	110	2,021
Loudoun County	884	100	5,035	50,920	2,551	59,490
Manassas City	85	52	539	5,747	405	6,828
Montgomery County	2,822	618	10,025	118,845	8,190	140,500
Prince George's County	5,741	1,099	8,754	109,515	3,619	128,728
Prince William County	413	221	5,674	65,521	3,186	75,015

* Preschool includes both special education and regular education students.

¹ Arlington County's preschool special education numbers do not include 24 students for preschool special education community-based services.

Special Education Membership (FY 2010 Approved)

Unduplicated Special Education Membership					
School Division	Pre-School	Level 1	Level 2 (50% or more of time)	Total	Total Special Education Services
Alexandria City	152	1,574	107	1,833	
Arlington County ¹	316	1,173	1,479	2,968	5,620
Fairfax County	2,128	9,952	12,283	24,363	44,029
Falls Church City	20	133	110	263	390
Loudoun County	666	3,671	2,551	6,888	13,776
Manassas City	57	558	425	1,040	1,230
Montgomery County	917	7,025	8,190	16,132	24,955
Prince George's County	1,534	9,498	3,619	14,651	
Prince William County	377	5,814	3,186	9,377	11,721

¹ Includes 24 students for preschool special education community-based services.