

**Response to Questions on the FY 2010  
County Lines of Business & Schools Program Review Processes  
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**Response By:** Fairfax County Public Schools, Office of the Comptroller

**Question:** What is the methodology for defining school-based versus nonschool-based services?

**Response:** School-based services include all programs, activities, and instructional support provided in FCPS' schools and centers. In addition to core academic subjects, programs include all specials (art, music, physical education), special education, gifted and talented, foreign language, academies, and advanced placement courses. School-based services also include many activities which occur outside of the traditional classroom and include athletics, after-school programs, guidance and career services, diagnostic centers, and psychological and preventive services, as well as support functions including clerical and custodial staff who work in schools. In FY 2009, over 92 percent of FCPS staff is school-based.

Non-school-based services provide the logistical support for school-based services. Examples of nonschool-based support include human resource activities such as recruitment and benefits, financial activities such as payroll and procurement, facilities and transportation activities such as bus operations and school facilities planning, and information technology such as network support. Non-school-based support also includes instructional activities such as curriculum development, professional development, and the evaluation of educational programs. In FY 2009, less than 8 percent of FCPS positions are nonschool-based.