

## **Response to Questions on the FY 2011 Budget**

**Request By:** Supervisor Herrity

**Question:** Do you know the actual number that transferred in to FCPS from private schools last year?

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

At present, FCPS does not track the number of students transferring from private schools. The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) mandates a limited system for recording student entries into Fairfax County Public Schools, and until this school year, all students had the same "enter" code on the first day of school each year. The VDOE has recently directed divisions to use an expanded set of codes; these new codes were implemented in September 2009 and will provide information on the reason for transferring into a FCPS school. However, the majority of transfer students register in May-August so the data for 2009-2010 will be incomplete. The information will be available for the 2010 - 2011 school year. The best approximation for 2009 - 2010 is 10,643 students in grades 1-12 who were not in FCPS in 2008-2009. This number includes students who transferred to FCPS schools after attending other public as well as private schools.