

Public Schools

Public Schools Goals

- To provide adequate and appropriate educational facilities that will accommodate the instructional programs for all Fairfax County students.
- To provide appropriate support facilities that will permit the school system to operate efficiently and cost effectively.

Fairfax County Public Schools

Program Description

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) determines the need for new facilities and additions to existing schools by comparing available capacity with projected student membership. Capacity is an estimate of the number of student spaces available within an educational facility and considers: (1) educational specifications for elementary, middle, and high schools; (2) program requirements; and (3) appropriate pupil-teacher ratios. Variations in the educational programs offered within a school may cause its capacity to vary from year to year.

Link to the Comprehensive Plan

The Education section of the Public Facilities Policy Plan within the Comprehensive Plan includes the following established objectives:

- Acquire sites for schools or educational facilities through negotiation, dedication, or condemnation. This may include the siting of schools or facilities in high density areas or on parcels of limited size.
- Distribute administration and maintenance facilities to conveniently serve the areas they support where feasible.
- Locate schools on sites which meet or exceed minimum state size guidelines where feasible.
- Design schools and educational facilities to allow for optimal site utilization while providing optimum service to, and compatibility with, the local community.
- Consider adaptive reuse of buildings for public schools and educational purposes.
- Encourage optimization of existing schools and other facilities, whenever possible and reasonable, to support educational and community objectives.

Source: Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, 2017 Edition; Policy Plan- Public Facilities, Amended through 6-9-2020

Current Program Initiatives

FCPS experienced a decline in membership from School Year (SY) 2019-20 to SY 2020-21 and continued the downward trend in SY 2021-22. Total membership decreased from 189,010 students in SY 2019-20 to 180,151 students in SY 2020-21, a decrease of 8,859 (5%) students. Total membership decreased from 180,151 students in SY 2020-21 to 178,595 students in SY 2021-22, a decrease of 1,556 (1%) students. Whether these trends are temporary or not will depend on multiple factors, including the future course of the pandemic and economic conditions. By SY 2026-2027, the total membership is projected to be 176,700, a decrease of 1,895 (1%) students. The impacts of COVID-19 are uncertain and may affect the accuracy of the student membership projections.

Renovations are aimed at ensuring that all schools are safe, functional, and provide the facilities necessary to support current educational programs regardless of the age of the buildings, in addition to protecting the capital investment. Over the past five years (FY 2017 through FY 2021), construction was completed on one new elementary school, thirteen elementary school renovations with additions, two middle school renovation with additions, two high school renovations with additions, one high school addition, and four modular additions. Through this capital work, FCPS will have completed more than 2.4 million square feet of additions and/or renovations space resulting in the removal of over 160 temporary classroom trailers. In FY 2022, FCPS is constructing seven elementary school renovations with additions, three middle school renovations with additions, three high school renovations with additions, and two high school additions. Through this capital work, FCPS will complete more than 2.7 million square feet of additions and/or renovation space.

A School Bond Referendum was approved by county residents in November 2021 containing 15 projects. Continuing growth and renovation needs require approval of new School Bond referendums in the future. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/facilities-planning-future/capital-improvement-program>.

On February 10, 2022, the Fairfax County School Board approved the FCPS FY 2023-2027 CIP with the following follow-on motions:

- I move to direct the Superintendent to execute the appropriate professional services contract for the purpose of identifying and presenting to the SB for consideration and concurrence a location (new, existing FCPS, or any other appropriate property) for the Western High School so that site may be included in the FY2024-28 CIP and the preparation of materials that may be necessary for future bond process.
- I move to direct the Superintendent to conduct an assessment and report to the Board by November 1, 2022, regarding: FCPS facilities' capabilities to support meeting best practices for school nutrition services, which includes, in part, preparing fresh meals on-site; providing meals that are inclusive of diverse student and staff needs; the status of the addition of daily salad bars in schools; and a recommendation on whether the school division's Ed Specs will need to be updated to meet school nutrition best practices.
- I move to direct the superintendent to include and implement a plan for the additional \$32.9M dollars that may become available from the state for facilities projects. The plan is needed so that work can begin immediately upon receipt of the funds in July, 2022. The plan should include work on safety concerns, bringing older facilities up to the current educational specifications to include but not be limited to privacy in bathrooms, provision of outdoor classroom spaces and spaces needed to enhance the health and wellness of our students and staff.

Current Project Descriptions

New Construction

1. **Dunn Loring Elementary School (Providence District):** \$36,664,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2027.
2. **Silver Line Elementary School (Dranesville District):** \$39,577,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed by FY 2028.
3. **Western High School (location TBD):** \$157,707,000. Unfunded.
4. **Route 1 Elementary School (Lee District):** \$21,170,000. Partially Funded.
5. **3 New and/or Repurposed Schools (TBD):** \$130,063,000. Unfunded.

Capacity Enhancement

6. **Modular Relocations (TBD):** \$22,000,000. Partially Funded.
7. **West Potomac High School Addition (Mount Vernon District):** \$27,827,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2023.
8. **Justice High School Addition (Mason District):** \$19,715,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2024.
9. **Madison High School Addition (Hunter Mill District):** \$18,226,000. Funded. Proposed to be completed in FY 2023.

Renovation Program – Elementary Schools

10. **Hybla Valley Elementary School (Lee District):** \$33,462,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2023.
11. **Washington Mill Elementary School (Mount Vernon District):** \$26,731,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2023.
12. **Braddock Elementary School (Braddock District):** \$31,768,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2023.
13. **Fox Mill Elementary School (Hunter Mill District):** \$27,982,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2023.
14. **Oak Hill Elementary School (Sully District):** \$30,700,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2024.
15. **Wakefield Forest Elementary School (Braddock District):** \$32,255,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2024.
16. **Louise Archer Elementary School (Hunter Mill District):** \$39,953,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2024.
17. **Crossfield Elementary School (Hunter Mill District):** \$34,003,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2025.
18. **Mosaic Elementary School (Providence District):** \$41,869,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2025.
19. **Bonnie Brae Elementary School (Braddock District):** \$41,886,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2025.
20. **Bren Mar Park Elementary School (Mason District):** \$32,834,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.
21. **Brookfield Elementary School (Sully District):** \$39,550,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.

22. **Lees Corner Elementary School (Sully District):** \$37,234,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.
23. **Armstrong Elementary School (Hunter Mill District):** \$30,029,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.
24. **Willow Springs Elementary School (Springfield District):** \$39,888,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.
25. **Herndon Elementary School (Dranesville District):** \$42,214,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.
26. **Dranesville Elementary School (Dranesville District):** \$38,475,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.
27. **Cub Run Elementary School (Sully District):** \$36,519,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.
28. **Union Mill Elementary School (Springfield District):** \$44,936,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.
29. **Centre Ridge Elementary School (Sully District):** \$43,478,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.
30. **Poplar Tree Elementary School (Sully District):** \$39,565,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.
31. **Waples Mill Elementary School (Providence District):** \$43,912,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.
32. **Sangster Elementary School (Springfield District):** \$45,013,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.
33. **Saratoga Elementary School (Mount Vernon District):** \$45,263,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.
34. **Virginia Run Elementary School (Sully District):** \$43,662,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

Middle School Renovation Program

35. **Hughes Middle School (Hunter Mill District):** \$52,174,400. Funded. Completed in FY 2022.
36. **Cooper Middle School (Dranesville District):** \$54,394,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2023.
37. **Frost Middle School (Braddock District):** \$56,025,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2024.

38. **Franklin Middle School (Sully District):** \$71,415,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2029.

39. **Twain Middle School (Lee District):** \$70,110,000. Unfunded. Estimated to be completed in FY2030.

High School Renovation Program

40. **Oakton High School (Providence District):** \$112,231,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2023.

41. **Falls Church High School (Mason District):** \$136,154,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.

42. **Centreville High School (Springfield District):** \$138,454,000. Partially Funded. Proposed to be completed in FY 2030.

Site Acquisition

43. **Western High School (TBD):** \$23,500,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2024.

Project Cost Summaries

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Project Title Project Number		Source of Funds	Budgeted or Expended Through FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2023 - FY 2027	Total FY 2028 - FY 2032	Total
New Construction											
1	Dunn Loring ES	B	\$692	\$1,542	\$6,516	\$11,853	\$9,977	\$6,084	\$35,972		\$36,664
2	Silver Line ES (location TBD)	U			\$1,171	\$864	\$12,610	\$21,983	\$36,628	\$2,949	\$39,577
3	Western HS (location TBD)	U					\$2,674	\$4,473	\$7,147	\$150,560	\$157,707
4	Route 1 ES	B								\$21,170	\$21,170
5	3 New and/or Repurposed Schools	U								\$130,063	\$130,063
Capacity Enhancement											
6	Modular Relocations	B	\$10,000							\$12,000	\$22,000
7	West Potomac HS Addition	B	\$23,748	\$4,079					\$4,079		\$27,827
8	Justice HS Addition	B	\$10,073	\$8,315	\$1,327				\$9,642		\$19,715
9	Madison HS Addition	B	\$16,038	\$2,188					\$2,188		\$18,226
Elementary School Renovation Program											
10	Hybla Valley	B	\$33,382	\$80					\$80		\$33,462
11	Washington Mill	B	\$22,365	\$4,366					\$4,366		\$26,731
12	Braddock	B	\$24,440	\$7,328					\$7,328		\$31,768
13	Fox Mill	B	\$18,836	\$9,146					\$9,146		\$27,982
14	Oak Hill	B	\$12,289	\$15,536	\$2,875				\$18,411		\$30,700
15	Wakefield Forest	B	\$4,022	\$20,369	\$7,864				\$28,233		\$32,255
16	Louise Archer	B	\$10,195	\$24,609	\$5,149				\$29,758		\$39,953
17	Crossfield	B	\$1,417	\$16,541	\$13,791	\$2,254			\$32,586		\$34,003

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18	Mosaic ES (was Mosby Wood ES)	B	\$1,370	\$20,477	\$17,419	\$2,603			\$40,499		\$41,869
19	Bonnie Brae	B	\$1,370	\$8,051	\$26,242	\$6,223			\$40,516		\$41,886
20	Bren Mar Park	B	\$532	\$1,274	\$2,203	\$17,929	\$10,896		\$32,302		\$32,834
21	Brookfield	B	\$643	\$1,539	\$1,818	\$21,124	\$14,426		\$38,907		\$39,550
22	Lees Corner	B	\$608	\$1,455	\$1,937	\$19,881	\$13,353		\$36,626		\$37,234
23	Armstrong	B	\$569	\$1,195	\$2,236	\$15,279	\$10,750		\$29,460		\$30,029
24	Willow Springs	B	\$399	\$1,597	\$2,004	\$21,263	\$14,625		\$39,489		\$39,888
25	Herndon	B	\$276	\$1,657	\$2,067	\$14,184	\$21,696	\$2,334	\$41,938		\$42,214
26	Dranesville	B	\$445	\$1,539	\$2,016	\$17,123	\$17,352		\$38,030		\$38,475
27	Cub Run	U			\$1,423	\$1,423	\$16,038	\$17,635	\$36,519		\$36,519
28	Union Mill	U			\$1,029	\$1,764	\$14,413	\$24,530	\$41,736	\$3,200	\$44,936
29	Centre Ridge	U			\$1,705	\$1,705	\$19,087	\$20,981	\$43,478		\$43,478
30	Poplar Tree	U			\$1,584	\$1,584	\$17,380	\$19,017	\$39,565		\$39,565
31	Waples Mill	U			\$1,761	\$1,761	\$19,241	\$21,149	\$43,912		\$43,912
32	Sangster	U				\$1,770	\$1,815	\$19,847	\$23,432	\$21,581	\$45,013
33	Saratoga	U				\$1,816	\$1,816	\$19,832	\$23,464	\$21,799	\$45,263
34	Virginia Run	U				\$1,714	\$1,714	\$19,166	\$22,594	\$21,068	\$43,662

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Middle School Renovation Program											
35	Hughes	B	\$52,174							\$52,174	
36	Cooper	B	\$39,431	\$14,963				\$14,963		\$54,394	
37	Frost	B	\$51,917	\$4,108				\$4,108		\$56,025	
38	Franklin	U		\$1,307	\$2,240	\$2,240	\$24,787	\$30,574	\$40,841	\$71,415	
39	Twain	U			\$2,198	\$2,198	\$24,773	\$29,169	\$40,941	\$70,110	
High School Renovation Program											
40	Oakton	B	\$109,230	\$3,001				\$3,001		\$112,231	
41	Falls Church	B	\$18,310	\$35,739	\$35,618	\$32,973	\$13,514	\$117,844		\$136,154	
42	Centreville	B	\$1,655	\$3,890	\$6,489	\$16,746	\$38,154	\$36,500	\$101,779	\$35,020	\$138,454
Site Acquisition											
43	Western HS	B		\$500	\$23,000			\$23,500		\$23,500	
Grand Total			\$466,426	\$215,084	\$170,551	\$218,274	\$275,969	\$283,091	\$1,162,969	\$501,192	\$2,130,587
Funded Project Costs			\$466,426	\$215,084	\$161,742	\$56,770	\$23,491	\$6,084	\$463,171	\$21,170	\$950,767
Unfunded Project Costs			\$0	\$0	\$8,809	\$161,504	\$252,478	\$277,007	\$699,798	\$480,022	\$1,179,820

Notes: Numbers in bold italics represent funded amounts. A "C" in the 'Budgeted or Expended' column denotes a continuing project.

Key: Source of Funds

B	Bonds
G	General Fund
S	State
F	Federal
X	Other
U	Undetermined