PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Public Schools

Program Description

Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is updated annually to reflect changing conditions within our schools and communities. Capital project needs are informed and updated to reflect progress of the 2008 renovation queue, construction costs, and the facility capacity evaluations completed each year. The certified September student membership is used to produce a new five-year projection set that adjusts to shifts in membership trends as they occur and is used to inform the current and projected capacity utilization for each school. Capacity is an estimate of the number of student spaces available within a school facility and considers: (1) educational specifications for elementary, middle, and high schools; (2) program requirements; and (3) appropriate pupil-teacher ratios.

Link to the Comprehensive Plan

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan, Public Facilities Element includes the countywide objectives 1-7, which apply to all facility types and the Public Schools specific objectives 8-14 as shown below:

- Acquire sites for schools or educational facilities through negotiation, dedication, or purchase. 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 possible and appropriate.
- Locate schools on sites which meet or exceed minimum state size guidelines where possible and appropriate.
- 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 appropriate, to support educational and community objectives.
- Ensure the mitigation of impacts to school facilities caused by growth in residential development through provision of proffers, conditions, contributions, commitments, and land dedication.

Source: Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, 2017 Edition; Policy Plan - Public Facilities, Amended through 5-7-2024

Current Program Initiatives

The FCPS total membership experienced a decrease of 3,260 students for School Year (SY) 2025-26 to a total of 177,124 students. The five-year membership projection set shows an overall decline to 171,416 total students for SY 2030-31. The projected decline is due to larger cohorts exiting the division, declining births and school-aged population, and smaller kindergarten cohorts.

Renovations are aimed at ensuring that all schools provide the facilities necessary to support current educational programs, regardless of the age of the buildings. Over the past five years (FY 2021 through FY 2025), construction was completed on one new elementary school, thirteen elementary school renovations, four middle school renovations, two high school renovations with additions, three high school additions, and two modular additions. In FY 2026, FCPS is currently constructing seven elementary school renovations and one high school renovation.

A School Bond Referendum was approved by county residents in November 2025 funding capital projects for FCPS. Continuing renovation needs require approval of new School Bond referendums in the future. Additional information can be found at: https://www.fcps.edu/capital-improvement-program.

The Fairfax County School Board adopted the FCPS FY 2027-2031 CIP in February 2026.

Equity Initiatives

Equity Review and Initiatives

Fairfax County Public Schools is unwavering in its commitment to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and culturally responsive educational environment, as embodied in its Educational Equity Policy. Grounded in our core values of excellence, access, and accountability, this policy ensures that every student, regardless of background, identity, or circumstance, has the opportunity to thrive in a welcoming and affirming school community. We prioritize removing systemic barriers, closing opportunity gaps, and leveraging student strengths through data-driven strategies that proactively address disparities, particularly for historically underserved populations. This commitment extends beyond the classroom, shaping all FCPS policies, programs, and resource allocations, including the equitable distribution of funding and state-of-the-art school facilities. By cultivating safe, accessible, and well-equipped learning environments, FCPS remains resolute in its mission to empower every student to achieve their full potential and prepare for a future of limitless opportunities.

Current Project Descriptions

New Construction and/or Repurposing

1. **Dunn Loring Elementary School (Providence District):** $85,132,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

2. **Silver Line Elementary School (Dranesville District):** $80,521,000. Partially funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2031.

3. **Skyview High School Shell Buildings (Sully District):** $11,428,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

4. **Skyview High School Main Building Modifications (Sully District):** $21,923,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2029.

5. **Skyview High School Athletic Field Modifications (Sully District)**: $18,405,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

Capacity Enhancement

6. **Modular Relocations (TBD):** $9,000,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2034 and 2035.

Renovation Program – Elementary Schools

7. **Bonnie Brae Elementary School (Braddock District):** $50,550,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2027.

8. **Bren Mar Park Elementary School (Mason District):** $51,600,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

9. **Brookfield Elementary School (Sully District):** $52,350,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

10. **Lees Corner Elementary School (Sully District):** $51,010,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

11. **Armstrong Elementary School (Hunter Mill District): $**48,740,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

12. **Willow Springs Elementary School (Springfield District):** $75,293,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2029.

13. **Herndon Elementary School (Dranesville District):** $55,810,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2028.

14. **Dranesville Elementary School (Dranesville District):** $52,080,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2027.

15. **Cub Run Elementary School (Sully District):** $88,485,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2030.

16. **Union Mill Elementary School (Springfield District):** $68,378,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2031.

17. **Centre Ridge Elementary School (Sully District):** $73,760,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2033.

18. **Poplar Tree Elementary School (Sully District):** $72,598,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2033.

19. **Waples Mill Elementary School (Springfield District):** $77,284,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2034.

20. **Sangster Elementary School (Springfield District):** $78,703,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed beyond FY 2034.

21. **Saratoga Elementary School (Springfield District):** $72,967,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed beyond FY 2034.

22. **Virginia Run Elementary School (Sully District):** $80,993,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed beyond FY 2035.

Middle School Renovation Program

23. Cooper Middle School (Dranesville District): $50,450,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.

24. Franklin Middle School (Sully District): $112,577,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2032.

25. Twain Middle School (Franconia District): $120,703,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed beyond FY 2034.

High School Renovation Program

26. Falls Church High School (Mason District): $185,000,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2027.

27. Centreville High School (Springfield District): $324,891,000. Partially Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2032.

Other

28. Security Vestibules (Countywide): $2,500,000. Funded. Estimated to be completed in FY 2026.

Project Cost Summaries

Public Schools

($000's)

	Project Title Project Number	Source of Funds	Budgeted or Expended Through FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Total FY 2027 - FY 2031	Total FY 2032 - FY 2036	Total
	New Construction and/or Repurposing										
1	Dunn Loring ES	B	***$4,530***	***$40,301***	***$40,301***				$80,602		$85,132
2	Silver Line ES	B		***$2,348***	***$2,896***	$37,638	$36,133	$1,506	$80,521		$80,521
3	Skyview HS Shell Buildings	B	***$159***	***$477***	***$10,792***				$11,269		$11,428
4	Skyview HS Main Building Modifications	B	***$276***	***$826***	***$3,516***	***$17,305***			$21,647		$21,923
5	Skyview HS Athletic Field Modifications	B	***$245***	***$733***	***$17,427***				$18,160		$18,405
	Capacity Enhancement										
6	Modular Relocations	B							$0	$9,000	$9,000
	Elementary School Renovation Program										
7	Bonnie Brae	B	***$47,590***	***$2,960***					$2,960		$50,550
8	Bren Mar Park	B	***$25,590***	***$19,530***	***$6,480***				$26,010		$51,600
9	Brookfield	B	***$27,420***	***$17,610***	***$7,320***				$24,930		$52,350
10	Lees Corner	B	***$30,770***	***$13,510***	***$6,730***				$20,240		$51,010
11	Armstrong	B	***$22,950***	***$18,220***	***$7,570***				$25,790		$48,740
12	Willow Springs	B	***$3,300***	***$28,797***	***$35,996***	***$7,200***			$71,993		$75,293
13	Herndon	B	***$25,340***	***$21,520***	***$8,950***				$30,470		$55,810
14	Dranesville	B	***$43,070***	***$9,010***					$9,010		$52,080
15	Cub Run	B	***$669***	***$3,626***	***$42,095***	***$40,411***	***$1,684***		$87,816		$88,485
16	Union Mill	B		***$1,875***	***$2,423***	$32,040	$30,758	$1,282	$68,378		$68,378

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17	Centre Ridge	B				**$1,898**	$2,496	$34,683	$39,077	$34,683	$73,760
18	Poplar Tree	B				***$1,874***	***$2,472***	$34,126	$38,472	$34,126	$72,598
19	Waples Mill	B					***$1,919***	$2,533	$4,452	$72,832	$77,284
20	Sangster	B					***$1,947***	$2,561	$4,508	$74,195	$78,703
21	Saratoga	B					***$1,833***	$2,447	$4,280	$68,687	$72,967
22	Virginia Run	B						***$1,940***	$1,940	$79,053	$80,993
	Middle School Renovation Program										
23	Cooper	B	***$50,450***						$0		$50,450
24	Franklin	B		***$2,955***	$3,931	$15,854	$42,276	$42,276	$107,292	$5,285	$112,577
25	Twain	B				***$2,906***	***$3,981***	$17,073	$23,960	$96,743	$120,703
	High School Renovation Program										
26	Falls Church	B	***$161,640***	***$23,360***					$23,360		$185,000
27	Centreville	B	***$8,060***	***$3,940***	$78,223	$87,609	$87,609	$43,805	$301,186	$15,645	$324,891
	Other										
28	Security Vestibules	B	***$2,500***						$0		$2,500
	Total		**$454,559**	**$211,598**	**$274,650**	**$244,735**	**$213,108**	**$184,232**	**$1,128,323**	**$490,249**	**$2,073,131**
	Funded Project Costs		***$454,559***	***$211,598***	***$196,427***	***$71,594***	***$16,332***	***$9,481***	***$505,432***	***$9,000***	***$968,991***
	Unfunded Project Costs		***$0***	$0	$78,223	$173,141	$196,776	$174,751	$622,891	$481,249	$1,104,140

Notes: Numbers in bold italics represent funded amounts. A "C" in the 'Budgeted or Expended' column denotes a continuing project.
Project total amounts may differ from the Public Schools section and the FCPS CIP due to rounding.

Key: Source of Funds

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