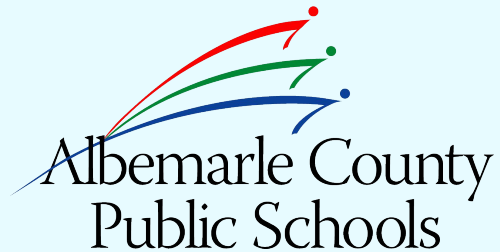




# 2025 Legislative Agenda

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# Strategic Plan: Learning for All

## VISION

Our learners are engaged in authentic, challenging, and relevant learning experiences, becoming lifelong contributors and leaders in our dynamic and diverse society.

## MISSION

Working together as a team, we will end the predictive value of race, class, gender, and special capacities for our children's success through high-quality teaching and learning for all. We seek to build relationships with families and communities to ensure that every student succeeds.

**We will know every student.**

## VALUES

Equity  
Excellence  
Family and Community  
Wellness

## GOALS



Thriving Students



Affirming and Empowering Communities



Equitable, Transformative Resources

# Important Considerations

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025:** Session convenes at noon

**January 8, 2025:** Prefiling ends at 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025:** Crossover (last day for each house to act on its legislation except budget bills)

**Thursday, February 6, 2025:** Deadline for completing action on Budget Bills

**Saturday, February 22, 2025:** Session adjourns sine die

**Monday, March 24, 2025:** Last day for Governor's action on legislation

**Wednesday, April 2 or April 9, 2025:** Reconvened session (to consider Governor's vetoes or amendments)

**Tuesday, July 1, 2025:** Effective date of enacted legislation



# Legislative Agenda Topics

- Mental Health Supports
- Cell Phone Use in Schools
- Fentanyl Overdoses
- Funding Formula that Supports High-Quality Public Education
- IEP Reform
- Restorative Justice
- Recruitment of Bus Drivers
- Local Composite Index
- Workforce Development and Alternative Pathways to Teaching
- Free School Meals
- Solar Opportunities for Schools
- Code Change, Technology Use on School Buses
- Enhancements to Virginia Retirement
- Collaborative Procurement

# **Funding Formula for High-Quality Public Education**

ACPS calls for revising the funding formula to reflect actual costs, with more support for divisions with high needs, such as English learners and special education students.

# Local Composite Index (LCI)

ACPS supports replacing the LCI with a more equitable per-pupil funding model, accounting for cost-of-living and special needs.

# Cell Phone Use in Schools

ACPS advocates for legislation enabling schools to implement clear, enforceable guidelines for cell phone use to minimize distractions and balance tech in classrooms.



# Recruitment of Bus Drivers

ACPS supports shortening the break-in-service requirement for bus drivers, making it easier for retired Virginia Retirement System (VRS) members to return to work during times of critical shortage.

# Mental Health Supports

ACPS supports using supervised grad students as counselors and increasing funding for full-time school counselors to address the growing mental health crisis.

# **Workforce Development and Alternative Pathways to Teaching**

ACPS supports expanding alternative teaching pathways, such as apprenticeships and residencies, to address the teacher shortage.

# Free School Meals

ACPS advocates for free school meals for all students to eliminate meal debt and ensure students have access to nutritious food.

# Collaborative Procurement

ACPS supports expanding collaborative procurement opportunities, allowing multiple agencies to pool their purchasing power, reduce costs, and streamline procurement timelines. Joint contracts and a centralized procurement platform would lead to significant cost savings and efficiency gains.

# **Solar Opportunities for Schools**

ACPS supports legislation to reduce costs and regulatory delays for schools adopting solar energy projects.



# Questions/Discussion

