Alexandria City Public Schools

The High School Project:
Minnie Howard Redevelopment

Project Update



Virtual Community Meeting
Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design
October 16, 2023

Interpretation

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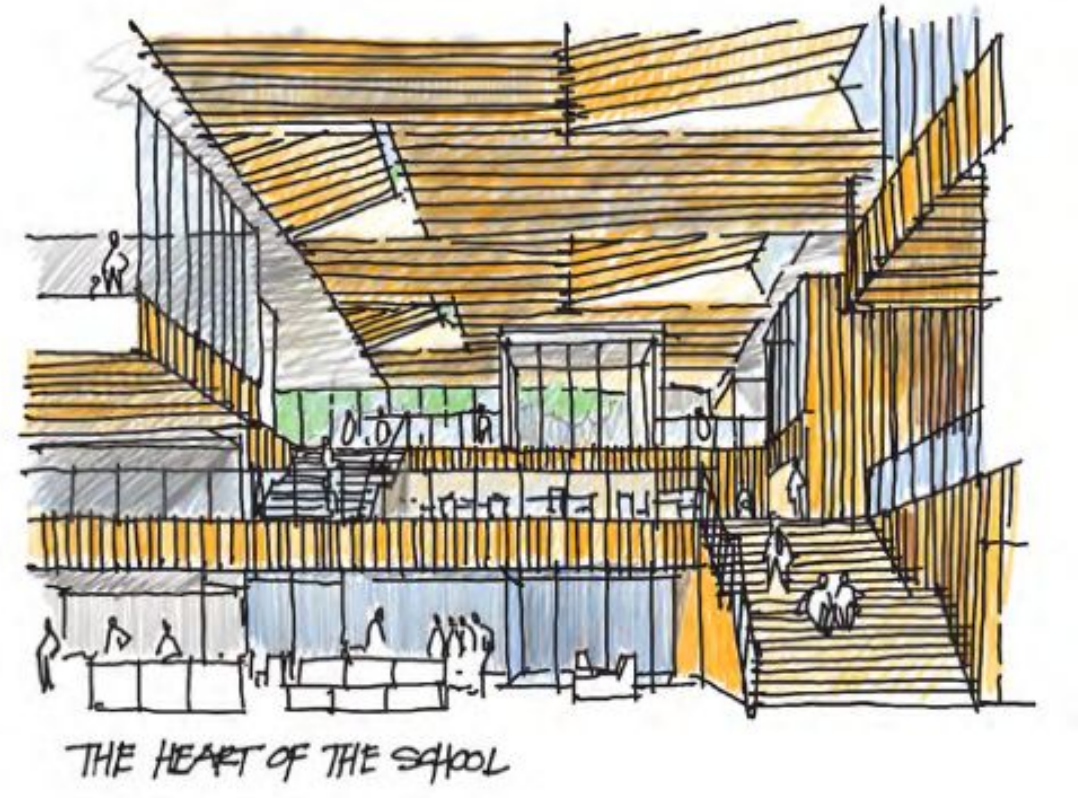
AR لسماع الترجمة باللغة العربية، اختر "Arabic"

Agenda

- Introduction
- Design Highlights and Renderings
- Project Timeline and Progress
- Construction Q & A
- High School Educational Programming Update
- Educational Programming Q & A



Introductions

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TEAM	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING TEAM
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Ken Terzian, *Project Manager, Perkins Eastman Architects*
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Gregory Burstein, *Senior Project Manager, Turner, Townsend & Heery*

Minnie Howard Campus Design



New Educational Spaces

- Increases capacity from 850 to 1600.
- Includes students in grades 9-12
- Includes 5 floors with an aquatics facility
- Includes specific lab spaces for CTE courses



Design - Exterior Renderings







Design - Interior Renderings





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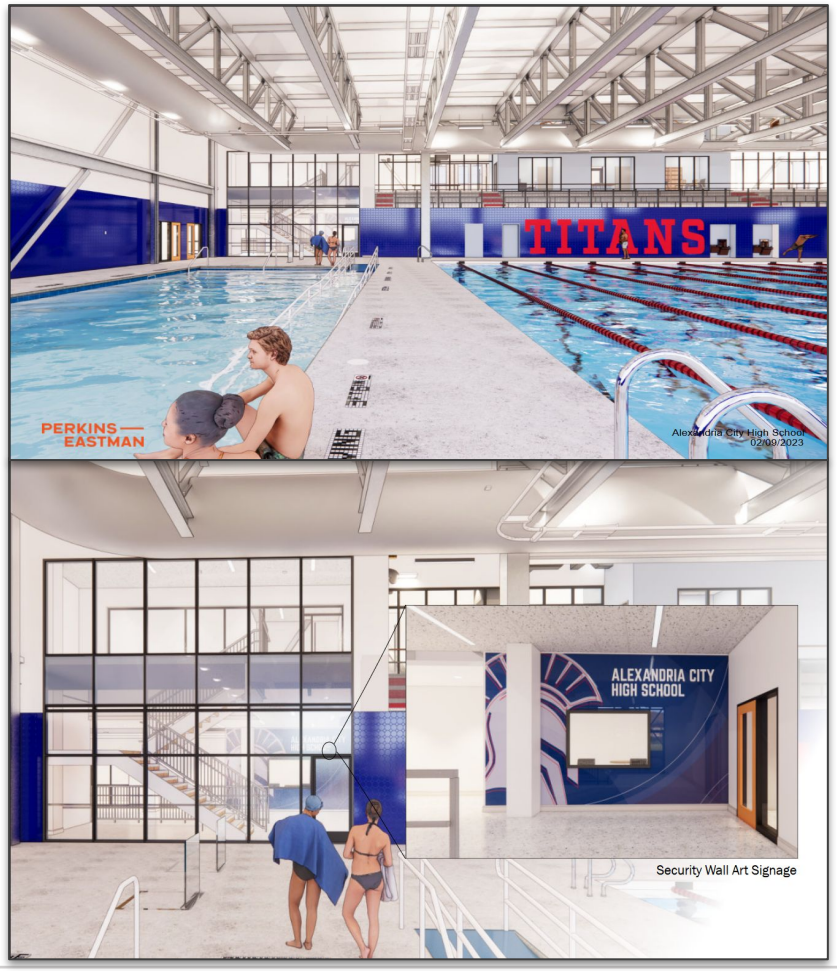
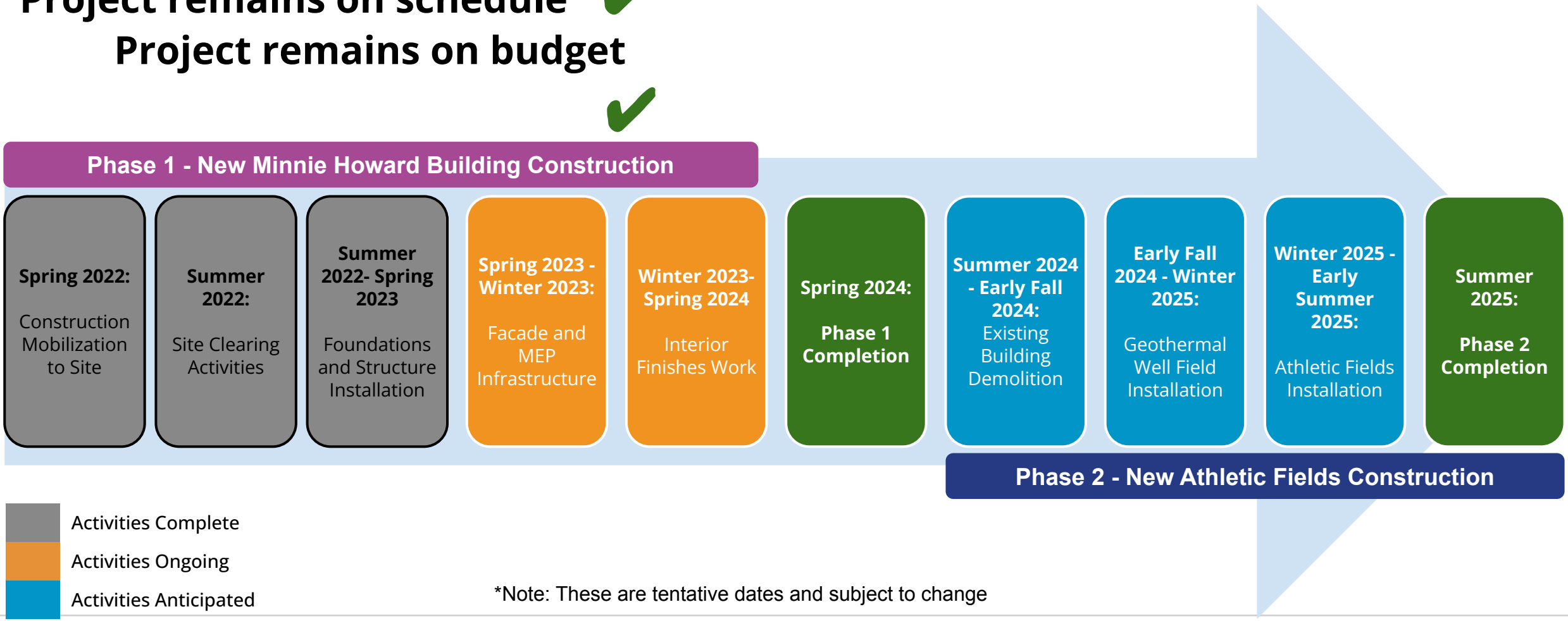


Construction Progress

Project remains on schedule ✔

Project remains on budget ✔



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Construction Progress Photos





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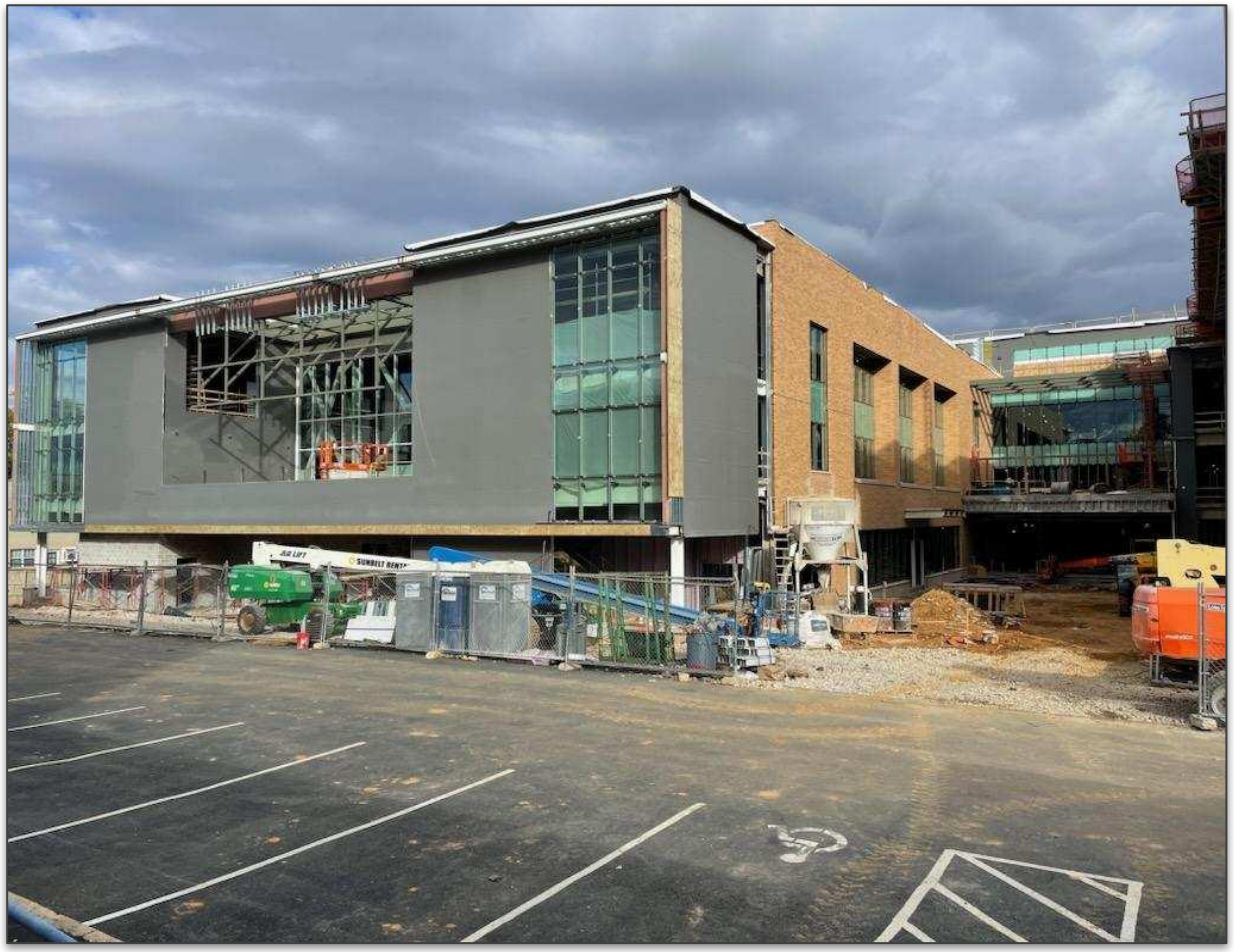



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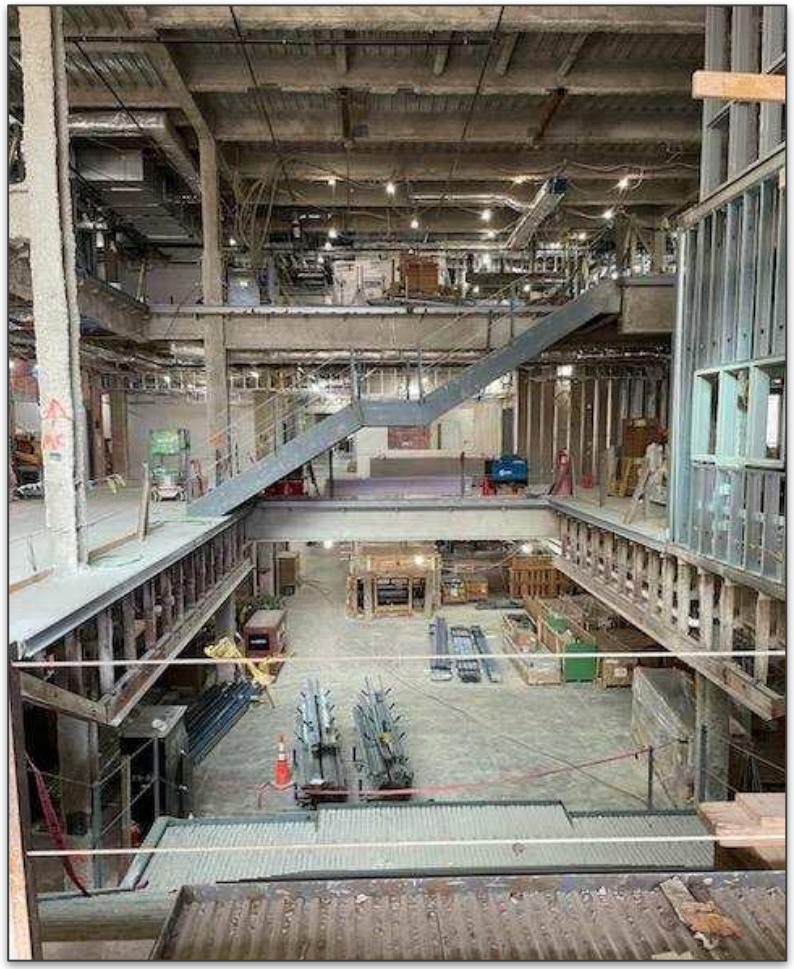

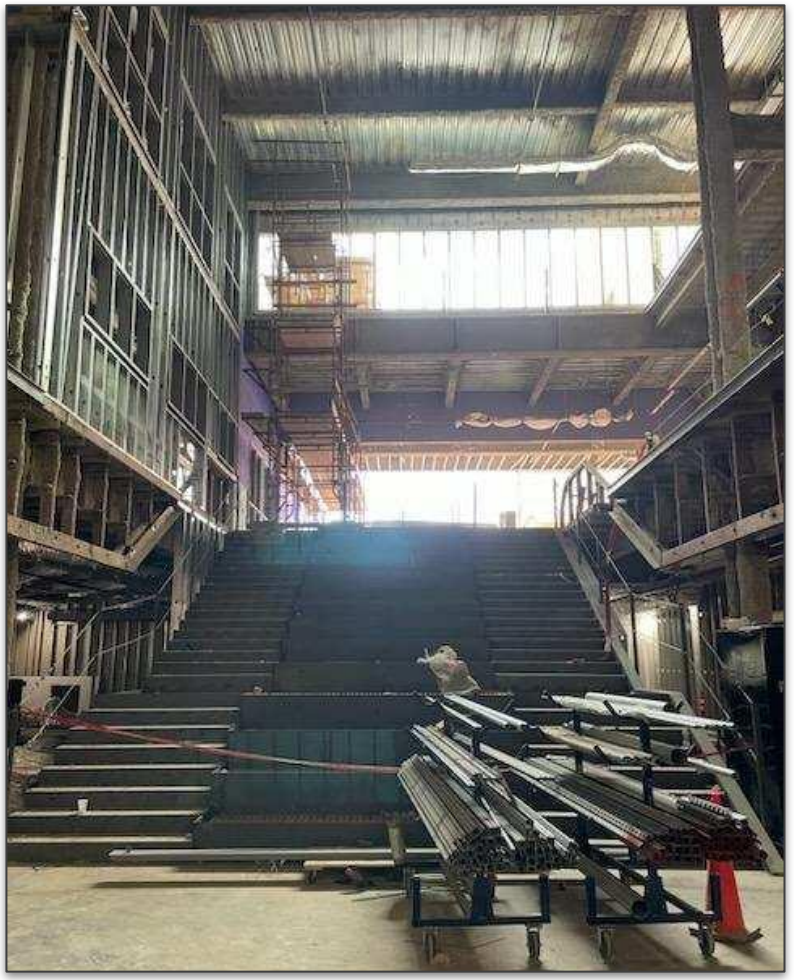

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Construction Next Steps and Communication

- **Construction Phase:** Ongoing
- **Next Community Meeting:** Spring 2024
- **Communications:**
  - Information communicated on the The High School Project Webpage
  - Sign up for our CIP Newsletter
  - Community members can send questions, comments and concerns to: askACPS@acps.k12.va.us

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Questions?



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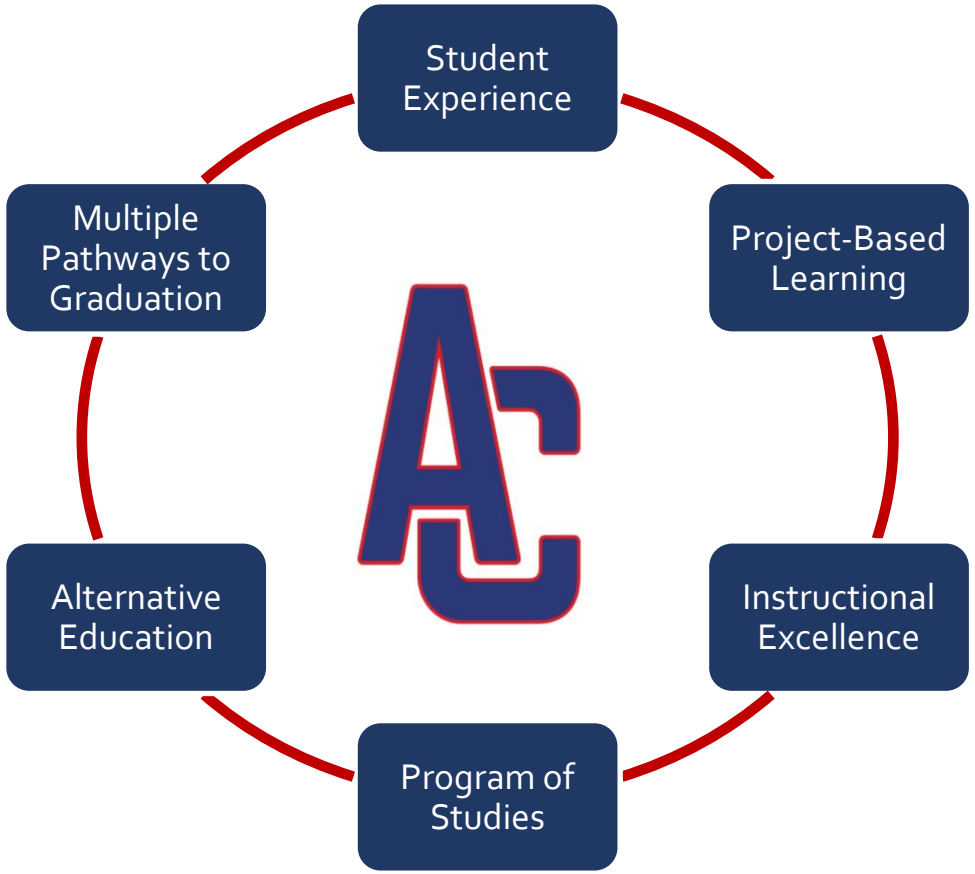
2020-2025 Strategic Plan: Equity for All

Educational Programming Updates



Core Values and Drivers

- Previous student and community engagement meetings have helped informed recommendations that are currently in the planning stage.
- Core Drivers that have informed planning include creating:
  - Equitable Learning Environments
  - Relationships and Community
  - Achievement and Growth
  - Student Choice and Multiple Pathways



Redefining the educational experience to help *all students* **Connect**, **Collaborate**, and **Grow**

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Academies

- An umbrella of instructional/programmatic themes
  - Global Studies (9), AC STEM (9-12), Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts (9-12), Business and Government (9-12), and Education, Liberal Arts, and Human Services (9-12)

Pathways

- Customized to meet Virginia Department of Education graduation requirements.
- College and career pathways are customized course sequences based on student's passion and interest areas that are flexible and adaptable to student needs.

Small Learning Communities

- Defines the student's four-year experience.
- Teachers connect with a subgroup of students to ensure interdisciplinary alignment to the Pathways and offer advisement and mentorship.

SY 24-25 ACPS Program of Studies

What is the ACPS Program of Studies (POS)?

- Written for students and parents to outline general and specific information regarding ACPS course offerings.
- The POS is developed each year.

Program of Studies Organization

- Existing courses have been organized into pathways that lead to students meeting their graduation requirements.
- There is no change in curriculum.
- Organizing courses in academies and pathways is a progressive step that many of our neighboring school divisions have been implementing for a number of years now.

SY 24-25 Program of Studies

- **School Board Presentation of draft POS**
  - October 19, 2023
- **Final Approved POS**
  - November 2, 2023

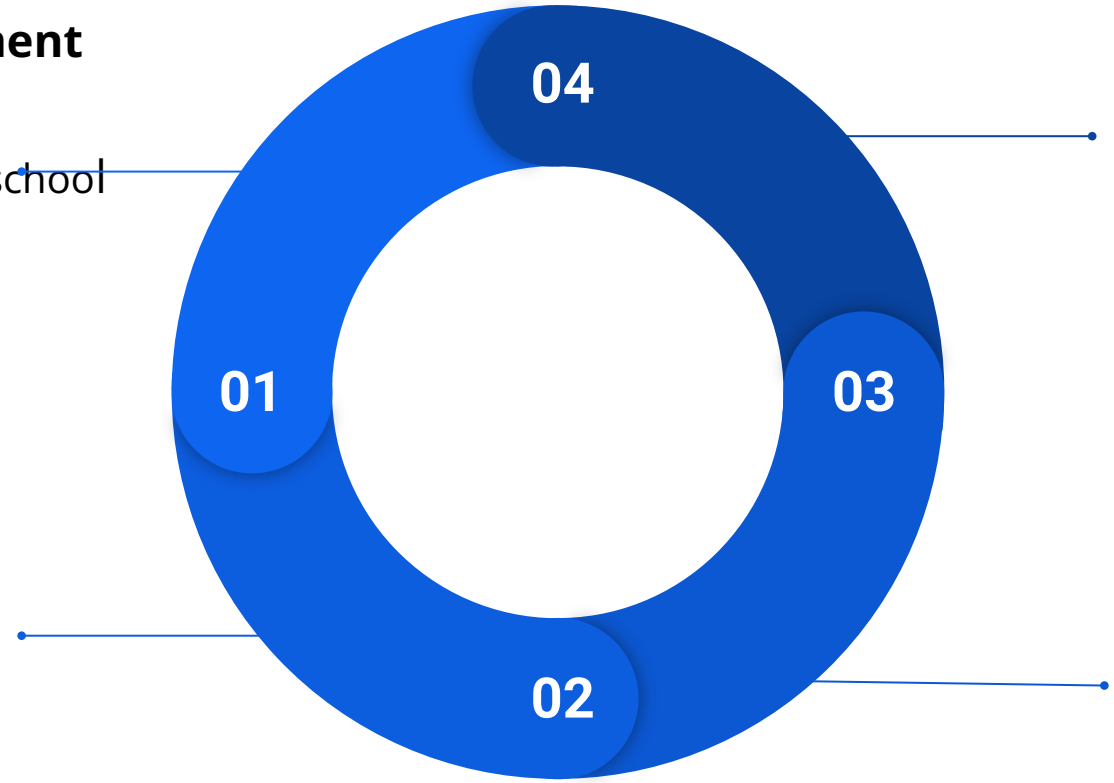
Ongoing Planning and Preparation

Master Schedule Development

- POS Approval
- Course Organization In Powerschool

ACHS Staff Updates

- Monthly update and feedback meetings
- Master schedule planning



Operational and Logistical Planning

- Logistical planning for transition between campuses
- Lunch process
- Administrative planning

Student Academic Advisement

- Supportive process to assist students in selecting academies and pathways.
- Academic advising and course selection will play a role in determining student-based campus location.

Educational Programming Website Updates

https://www.acps.k12.va.us/departments/teaching-learning-leadership

Teaching, Learning, & Leadership

The Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership is composed of the following offices:

Office of Instructional Support

The Office of Instructional Support provides instructional services to ensure the effective implementation of the ACPS written, taught, and supported curricula, the ACPS Teaching and Learning Framework, and all instructional services related to the ACPS Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).

Office of School Leadership

- OFFICE OF ENGLISH LEARNER SERVICES
- OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
- OFFICE OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
- OFFICE OF SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION
- OFFICE OF ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES
- TEACHING, LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP CONTACTS
- THE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

How Can The Community Engage In The Educational Programming Process?

Community Meetings

Invitations will be shared with all secondary and K-8 families via ParentSquare and ACPS Express.

- **October 16, 2023** - Educational Programming
- **October 26, 2023** - Program of Studies
- **February 15, 2024** - Understanding the Academic Advisement Process
- **April 18, 2024** - Community Q & A Sessions

*Meetings will be held via Zoom Webinar at 6:30pm

Website & Newsletter Updates

- Website/Newsletter updates will be shared in November, January, and March.
- Please visit the ACPS website shared in the previous slide for released and extensive information.

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