

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Welcome to Kindergarten!



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Dr. Francisco Durán, APS Superintendent



- Dr. Francisco Durán has a diverse background in education spanning 30 years, in a variety of large urban school divisions.
- He is a bilingual educator who began his career as a special education assistant, and he served as a middle school language arts and social studies teacher.
- Dr. Durán is also an adjunct professor at George Mason University and Howard University.
- On May 7, 2020, the Arlington School Board appointed Dr. Durán as Superintendent and he was reappointed to a second four-year term on July 1, 2023.

Read more about Dr. Durán apsva.us/departments/superintendents-office/dr-duran-bio/



Arlington School Board



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Board Member



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Board Member

Learn more about our board on our website: apsva.us/arlington-school-board/



Preparing for Kindergarten



Tips to prepare your student for Kindergarten

A few ways that you can help your child prepare for elementary school:

- ✓ Visit the school or classroom before the first day.
- ✓ Read books about starting school.
- ✓ Talk to your child about their feelings about school, friends, teachers, and new activities.
- ✓ Encourage your child to do things independently





Book Recommendations

Preparing for the Big Day!



The office of early childhood in conjunction with the office of Library Services has produced this list of books to help your child prepare for starting Kindergarten.

Some Books Include:

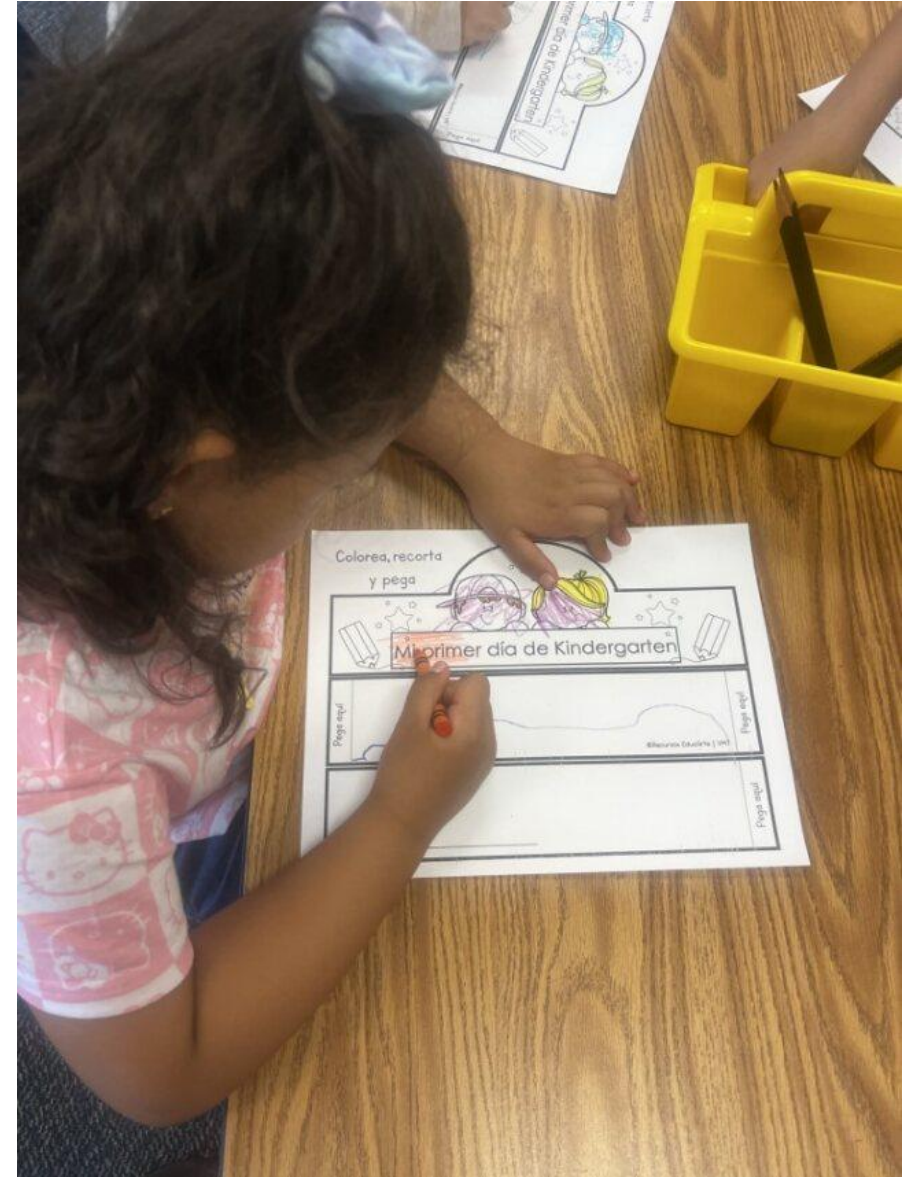
- ✓ Max goes to school/Max va a la escuela, By Adria Klein
- ✓ Eliza's Kindergarten Surprise, By Alice McGinty
- ✓ Welcome to Kindergarten, By Allison McGhee
- ✓ A Place Called Kindergarten, By Jessica Harper

Visit our website to see the full list! apsva.us/early-childhood-prek/kindergarten-program/



What to expect

- ✓ A safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.
- ✓ Focus on literacy, mathematics, social studies, science, health, music, physical education, art, and library.
- ✓ A balance of whole group, small group, and individual instruction.
- ✓ 2-way communication between the school, classroom, and home.





School Information Sessions

Each elementary school hosts an in-person information session for families in February and March.

During the information session you will:

- ✓ Learn more about your new school
- ✓ Meet the school principal, teachers and other staff
- ✓ Meet other parents and students
- ✓ Ask questions!



View school information session dates here: apsva.us/schools-programs/#es-info-sessions



First Day of School

Mark your calendars! The 1st day of school is **Monday, August 26, 2024**

Visit the website to view the full calendar: apsva.us/engage/sy-calendar-development/

July-2024						
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Jul. 4 - Independence Day

August-2024						
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				Staff Report		
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Aug. 14-16 - New Teacher Orientation
 Aug. 19-23 - All staff return
 Aug. 26 - First Day of School
 Aug. 30 - Holiday

September-2024						
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Oct. 3 - Rosh Hashana
 Oct. 9 - PSAT Day
 Oct. 10 - ES Early Release
 Oct. 11 - ES/MS Conf - No School - HS PL Day
 Oct. 14 - Indigenous Peoples Day - Professional Learning Day
 Oct. 30 - ER - Professional Learning Day

November-2024						
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Nov. 1 - Diwali
 Nov. 5 - Election Day/ GP No School
 Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
 Nov. 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break

December-2024						
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Dec. 11 - ER - Professional Learning Day
 Dec. 23 - 31 - Winter Break

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Jan. 1-3 - Winter Break
 Jan. 15 - ER - Professional Learning Day
 Jan. 20 - MLK Holiday
 Jan. 31 - GP - No School

February-2025						
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Feb. 5 - ER - Professional Learning Day
 Feb. 17 - President's Day No School

March-2025						
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Mar. 5 - ER - Professional Learning Day
 Mar. 13 - ES Early Release
 Mar. 14 - ES/MS Conf - No School - HS PL Day
 Mar. 31 - Eid Al-Fitr

April-2025						
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Apr. 14-18 - Spring Break
 Apr. 21 - GP - No School

May-2025						
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May 26 - Memorial Day

June-2025						
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Jun. 13 - HS ER - High School Early Release
 Jun. 16-18 - HS ER - High School Early Release
 Jun. 19 - ER - ES/MS/HS Last Day of School
 Jun. 18 - Last Day for Teachers (TL)
 Jun. 19 - Juneteenth

- PARENTS AND STAFF**
- First Day of School for K-12 Programs: August 26, 2024
 - First Day of School for Pre-K Programs (VPI and Special Education PK Classes): August 27, 2024
 - Back to School Night: Elementary - TBD
 Middle - TBD
 High - TBD
 HB Woodlawn - TBD
 Arlington Career Center/Tech - TBD
 - Campbell Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences: TBD
 - High School Graduation: TBD
 - Arlington Community High School / Langston H.S.C.P Graduation: TBD
 - Middle School Promotion Ceremony: TBD
 - Students do not attend school on *Grade Preparation Days (GP)*
- STAFF ONLY**
- County-wide based Professional Learning: October 14, 2024
 - School-based Professional Learning Early Release Elementary, Middle and High School: October 30, December 11, January 15, February 5, March 5
 - Elementary Teacher Records/Closeout Day: Early Release Days on June 4 and June 11
 - October 14 is a student holiday and a workday for all APS staff
 - 12-month employees will have August 30 as a holiday
 - 12-month employees will have Winter Break (December 23 - January 3) and Spring Break (April 14-18) as holidays

Marking Period 1 - 45 days (November 4)

Marking Period 2 - 47 days (January 30)

Marking Period 3 - 47 days (April 11)

Marking Period 4 - 41 days (June 18)

Total Teacher Days: 190
 Total Student Days: 180



Elementary School Start and End Times

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

End Time: 3:50 p.m.

Early Release End Time: 1:30 p.m.

- Barrett
- Alice West Fleet
- Arlington Science Focus
- Ashlawn
- Barcroft
- Cardinal
- Discovery
- Dr. Charles R. Drew
- Escuela Key
- Glebe
- Hoffman Boston
- Innovation
- Jamestown
- Montessori Public School of Arlington
- Nottingham
- Oakridge
- Taylor
- Tuckahoe

Start Time: 7:50 a.m.

End Time: 2:40 p.m.

Early Release End Time: 12:20 p.m.

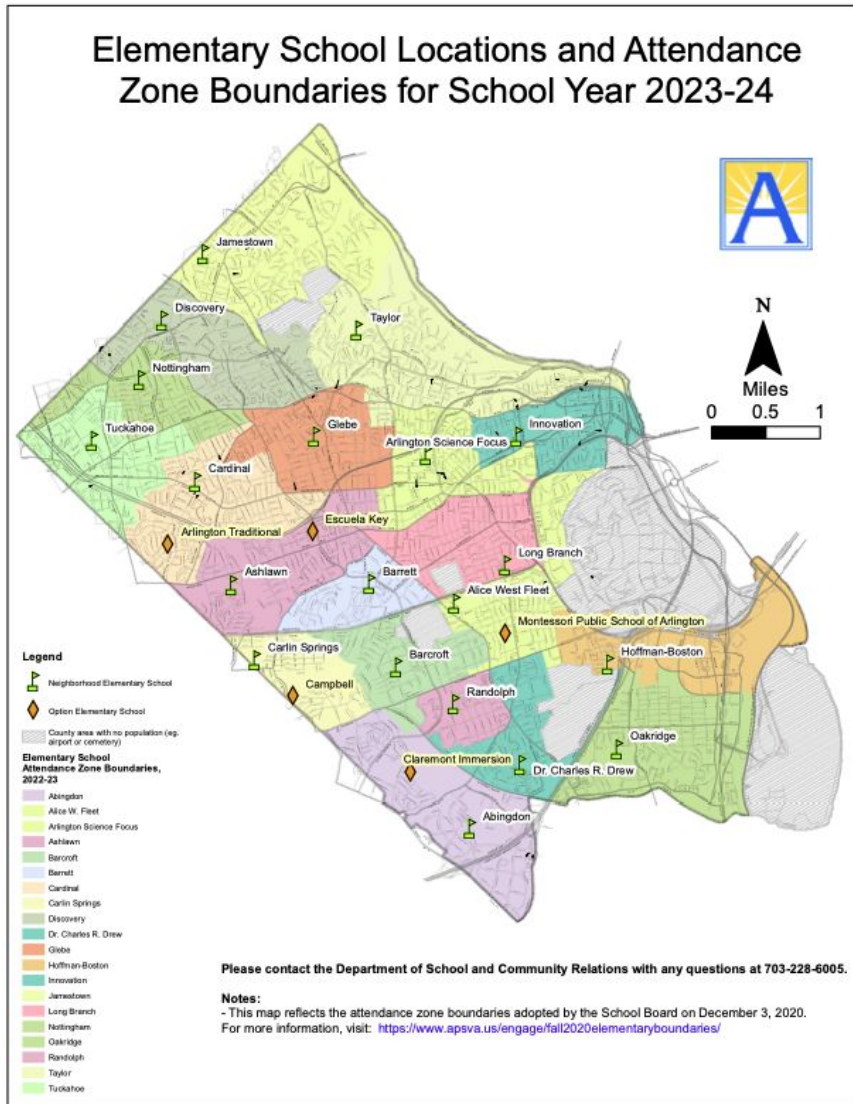
- Abingdon
- Arlington Traditional School (ATS)
- Campbell
- Carlin Springs
- Claremont
- Long Branch
- Randolph



**Register for your
Neighborhood School**



Neighborhood Elementary Schools



Schools are assigned by neighborhood. To find out what your assigned neighborhood school is, please contact the registration office or go online and use the boundary locator. Once you type in your address, your neighborhood school will appear.

APS School Attendance Locator ✕

Welcome to APS School Attendance Locator App. Enter your address and find your schools.

Start by typing an address below.

Address: *

Examples:
 2100 Clarendon Blvd
 1244 N Utah St

[Find Address](#) [Browse Map](#)



Neighborhood School Registration

Every student is guaranteed a space in the **neighborhood school** designated by their home address.

Registration is required. Registration begins Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Early registration is encouraged!

Registration Options:

1. Online at: apsva.us/registration/online-registration/
 - Requires uploading documents and setting up a virtual or in-person meeting with an APS Registrar
2. Schedule an appointment at your neighborhood school
3. Schedule an appointment at the APS Welcome Center, 2110 Washington Blvd. 1st Floor, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Call 703-228-8000 select option 3
 - Email registration@apsva.us

More information:
apsva.us/registration/





What you need to register

- The student must be 5 years old on or by Sept. 30
- Complete registration form
- Original Birth Certificate (or *Proof of Student Identity and Age Affidavit*)
- Proof of Arlington County residency
- Proof of parent identity and relationship to student
- Medical information:
 - Immunization records
 - Physical examination
 - Tuberculosis screening



For a complete list of documents needed, visit:
apsva.us/registration/required-documents/



Applying for an option school or program



Option Schools and Programs

Option schools offer specialized educational instruction as an alternative to the designated neighborhood school.

Interested students must complete an online application during a specific time period.

Lotteries are held if more applications are received than there are seats available.

New APS families are encouraged to register for their neighborhood school.



More information:
apsva.us/school-options/





Option Schools and Programs

Arlington Traditional School (ATS's) success is grounded in a traditional approach to education focused on the **ABCs of Success: Academics, Behavior, Character**. ATS offers students, families, and the community a commitment to learning and character development in a safe structured environment with traditions.



Campbell is a member of the Expeditionary Learning (EL) Education national organization. There is an emphasis on authentic learning, rigorous academics, and a supportive school culture. Students engage in interdisciplinary units called "Learning Expeditions." Content is integrated into meaningful, real-life experiences that foster character growth, high expectations, and equity.

Montessori Public School of Arlington (MPSA) provides an interdisciplinary, discovery-based approach to learning following the tenets of Dr. Maria Montessori. The program is based on a philosophy of learning that grows from the belief that children are natural learners, and learning occurs best in a nurturing, prepared environment that promotes spontaneous cooperative inquiry.



Dual Language (English & Spanish) Immersion The goals of the program are to develop bilingualism and biliteracy in English and Spanish while learning the core curriculum, promote high academic achievement for all students, and foster cross-cultural awareness and competency. There are two schools, Escuela Key (left) and Claremont (right)





Application Information

- ✓ Families must apply online at apsva.schoolmint.net
- ✓ Families with an existing SchoolMint account from a previous school year **do not** need to create a new account.
- ✓ Only **NEW** applicants must create an account in SchoolMint to complete an option school application.
- ✓ Once you apply, you will receive lottery notification via text, email or both.
- ✓ Check waitlist status by logging into your account
- ✓ APS welcome center can support with online application

The screenshot shows a 'Log In' page with a white background. At the top center is the title 'Log In' in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below the title are two input fields. The first is labeled 'Username' and contains the placeholder text 'Email Address or Mobile Number'. To the right of this field is a link that says 'Forgot Username?'. The second input field is labeled 'Password' and contains the placeholder text 'Password'. To the right of this field is a link that says 'Forgot Password?'. Below the input fields is a large, solid green button with the text 'Ready, Set, Go!' in white. At the bottom of the page, there is a line of text: 'If you don't have an account Please **Sign Up** first.'

Important! If you forget your login name or password, click on the appropriate links instead of creating a new account.



Important Dates

- **Online Application Window**

- Opens: Feb. 1, 2024, at 4 p.m.
- Closes: Mar. 8, 2024, at 4 p.m.

- **Online Lottery**

- April 11, at 1 p.m.

- **Families are Notified**

- April 18 by the end of the day

- **Families must Confirm/Decline by**

- April 25, by 8 p.m.

Option School Waitlist

- Students who applied, but were not accepted, will be placed in numerical order on a waitlist for the upcoming school year.
- Applications received after the deadline are placed at the bottom of the existing waitlist for the upcoming school year.
- If a student is offered a space in an option school that is not their top choice, they can decline offer and remain on the waitlist for their top choice.

For assistance, contact the APS Welcome Center
703-228-8000 (option 3) | schooloptions@apsva.us



Transportation for Option Schools

- ✓ Students will be assigned to the closest bus stop. Some stops may be hub stops that are a longer distance from the student's residence.
- ✓ Hub stops are centralized locations—such as a school, library or community center—where students from several neighborhoods meet to catch the bus to their school. Not all neighborhoods will have a hub stop; rather stops are placed to be accessed from multiple neighborhoods and directions.
- ✓ Families may request a different hub stop if it is more convenient
 - ✓ Call Transportation Services at 703-228-8000 (option 1)
 - ✓ Email transportation@apsva.us





Resources & Supports



Communication Tools



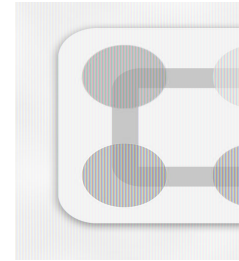
ParentVUE

Create your ParentVUE account once your student is enrolled at APS. ParentVUE helps you:

- Update parent and emergency contact information annually
- View student's assigned bus stop
- Report upcoming absences
- View student attendance and class schedules
- And More!

Download the app or go to our website to learn more!

www.apsva.us/parentvue-canvas/



ParentSquare

Create your ParentSquare accounts for all Arlington schools communications. You will:

- Receive messages from APS including announcements, weather, alerts, in your preferred language via email, text and mobile app
- Send and receive messages/texts from your students' teachers in your preferred language.
- Receive attendance notifications, sign permission slips and more!

Download the app or go to our website to learn more!

apsva.us/departments/school-community-relations/parentsquare/



APS Handbook

Arlington Public Schools creates a Handbook & Code of Conduct for every school year. The handbook is a guide for students and parents that includes:

- ✓ General information about the school system
- ✓ How the school system works
- ✓ Answers to frequently asked questions
- ✓ Student rights and responsibilities
- ✓ General school policies
- ✓ Important contact information



APS Handbook & Student Code of Conduct

2023-24

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, VA
WWW.APSVA.US

View the Handbook on our website:
[apsva.us/registration/handbook/](https://www.apsva.us/registration/handbook/)



Extended Day (AM & PM Care)

Extended Day provides a safe, enriching and fun environment before and after school each day for over 3,500 children at all 25 elementary schools.

Extended Day Hours:

Before School: 7 a.m. until start of school

After School: End of school day until 6 p.m.

Registration begins in May. Students must be 4 years old.

Contact the Extended Day Central Office for questions and more information

Phone: 703-228-8000 (option 4)

Email: extended.day@apsva.us or

Website:

apsva.us/extended-day/extended-day-program-information/





Transitioning Students With Special Needs

Parent Resource Center (PRC)

703-228-7239

prc@apsva.us

apsva.us/prc

Offers support & assistance, workshops, and information for families of students with special needs.

Special Education PTA

www.arlingtonsepta.org

Families can contact SEPTA for additional resources and support.





Meet our schools & principals



Abingdon



3035 S. Abingdon St, 22206



Principal – David Horak



Assistant Principals

Anne Oliveira & Michele Micael

Alice West Fleet



115 S. Old Glebe Rd, 22204



Principal – Jennifer Gildea



Assistant Principal- Rebecca Ward

Arlington Science Focus



1501 N. Lincoln Rd, 22205



Principal – Gina Miller



Assistant Principal- Eric Sokolove

Arlington Traditional



1030 N. McKinley Rd, 22205



Principal – Sam Podbelski



Assistant Principal- Inga Schoenbrun

Ashlawn



5950 N. 8th Rd, 22205



Principal – Francis Lee



Assistant Principal- Holly Vesilind

Barcroft



625 S. Wakefield St, 22204



Principal – Judy Apostolico-Buck



Assistant Principal- Marcelo Flores



Barrett



4401 N Henderson St, 22203



Principal – Catherine Han



Assistant Principal- Amin Littman

Campbell



737 S. Carlin Springs Rd, 22204



Principal – Maureen Nesselrode



Assistant Principal- Karen Anselmo

Cardinal



1644 N. McKinley Road, 22205



Principal – Colin Brown



Assistant Principal- Barbara Jones



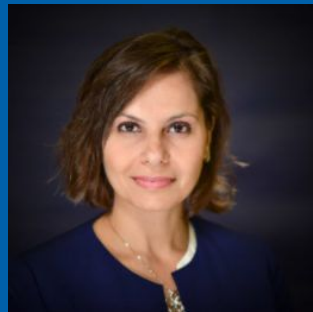
Carlin Springs



5995 5th Rd South, 22204



Principal – Carmen De La Cruz



Assistant Principal- Enis Al Majeed

Claremont



4700 S. Chesterfield Rs, 22206



Principal – Dr. Liza Burrell-Aldana



Assistant Principal- Erin Wales-Smith

Discovery



5241 36th St. North, 22207



Principal – Dr. Erin Healy



Assistant Principal- Dr. Judy Seeber



Dr. Charles R. Drew



3500 S. 23rd St, 22206



Principal – Tracy Gaither



Assistant Principal- James Welch

Escuela Key



855 N. Edison St, 22205



Principal – Marleny Perdomo



Assistant Principal- Wilson Ramirez

Glebe



1770 N. Glebe Road, 22207



Principal – Jamie Borg



Assistant Principal- Ingrid Clarke-Marshall



Hoffman-Boston



1415 S. Queen St, 22204



Principal – Helena Payne Chauvenet



Assistant Principal- Autumn Workman

Innovation



2300 Key Blvd, 22201



Principal – Claire Peters



Assistant Principal- Kathryn White

Jamestown



3700 N. Delaware St, 22207



Principal – Michelle McCarthy



Assistant Principal- Dr. Monica Roaché



Long Branch



33 N. Fillmore St, 22201



Principal – Jessica DaSilva



Assistant Principal- Deitra Pulliam

Montessori Public School



701 S. Highland St, 22204



Principal – Catharina Genove



Assistant Principal- John Koutsouftikis

Nottingham



5900 Little Falls Rd, 22207



Principal – Dr. Eileen Gardner



Assistant Principal- Dr. Megan Lynch



Oakridge



1414 S 24th St, 22202



Principal – Dr. Lynne Wright



**Assistant Principal-
Adrion Walker**

Randolph



1306 S. Quincy St, 22204



Principal – Carlos Ramirez



**Assistant Principal-
Paula Davis**

Taylor



2600 N. Stuart St, 22207



Principal – Katie Madigan



**Assistant Principal-
Caitlin Sherman**

Tuckahoe



6550 N. 26th St, 22213



Principal – Dustin Barnes



**Assistant Principal-
Michele Maurer**





Contact Us!

For additional information or questions, contact:

APS Welcome Center

2110 Washington Blvd.

Arlington, VA 22204

Phone: 703-228-8000 (option 3)

Email: registration@apsva.us
schooloptions@apsva.us



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