
Full-Day Kindergarten Update

Loudoun County School Board
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LCPS Strategic Plan



Goal 1: Develop knowledgeable critical thinkers, communicators, collaborators, creators, and contributors.

Topic: Full Day Kindergarten

STRATEGIC ACTION	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	DESIRED OUTCOME
By 2020, LCPS will operate full day kindergarten classes that provide capacity to serve 85% of its kindergarten students in full day kindergarten and will have a plan to provide 100% of its kindergarten students the opportunity to attend full day kindergarten.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of seats in full day kindergarten classes divided by the total number of kindergarten students• Documentation of a plan to provide 100% of kindergarten students the opportunity to attend full day kindergarten.	FY16 Baseline 34%
		✓ FY17 50%; create a plan for 100%
		✓ FY18 75%; revise plan for 100% as needed
		✓ FY19 83%; revise plan for 100% as needed
		✓ FY20 85%; revise plan for 100% as needed

✓ = Desired outcome was met or exceeded

Adopted by the School Board on June 27, 2017

Expanding FDK Capacity

School Year	Fiscal Year	# FDK Students Served	FDK % of all K Students
2014-2015	15	518	11%
2015-2016	16	1536	34%
2016-2017	17	2654	52%
2017-2018	18	4269	80%
2018-2019	19	5412	100%
2019-2020	20	5634*	100%

* FDK enrollment as of 9/6/19



Strategic Action: FDK

FDK Classes by Planning District

Planning District	FY18 (actual)	FY19 (actual)	FY20 (actual)
Ashburn	43	42	43
Central Loudoun	43	41	42
Dulles North	23	41	49
Dulles South	19	50	49
Eastern Loudoun	53	52	50
Western Loudoun	24	22	26
Total	205	248	259



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Policy §5080

- Policy §5080 sets 25 as the maximum class size for kindergarten classes but allows two exceptions.
- One exception is that kindergarten class sizes of up to 27 students are allowed to avoid regionally assigning students to other schools due to lack of space at the home school.
- Another exception allows kindergarten classes of 26 students to avoid average class sizes of 13 or fewer students. This exception was only implemented at Aldie.
- As of 9/10/19, 15 kindergarten classes spread over five elementary schools (Aldie, Cool Spring, Goshen Post, Little River, and Moorefield Station) had 26 or 27 kindergarten students.

FY20 Adjustments to Average Class Size

The class size of 61 grade 1-5 classes at two elementary schools (Goshen Post and Buffalo Trail) were larger than they would have otherwise been without FDK.

School	Grade	Grade Level Average	# of Classes
Goshen Post	1 st	28.4	9
	2 nd	28.3	7
	3 rd	28.7	7
	4 th	29.8	6
	5 th	31.0	6
Buffalo Trail	2 nd	26.7	7
	3 rd	27.4	7
	4 th	30.3	6
	5 th	29.3	6

In addition to calling for a K-5 staffing standard of 23:1, the elementary class size strategic action includes desired outcomes stating that 95% or higher of K-3 classes will have 26 or fewer students and that 95% of grade 4-5 classes will have 29 or fewer students. Each of these desired outcomes were met.



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Regional Assignment of FDK Students Two-Year Comparison

Planning District	# of Students Assigned Regionally		Locations	
	FY19	FY20	From	To
Ashburn	0	0		
Central Loudoun	1	0	CAT	EVE
Dulles North	0	0		
Dulles South	4	2*	GPE	ARC
Eastern Loudoun	0	0		
Western Loudoun	1	0	HAM	KWC
	3	0	MTV	EME
TOTAL STUDENTS	9	2	* as of 9/6/19	

Universal FDK in FY21

LCPS anticipates serving 100% of kindergarten students in FDK during FY21



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FY21 Regional FDK

- Some kindergarten students from the Buffalo Trail ES and Goshen Post ES attendance zones will likely need to be assigned to a regional program with transportation provided by LCPS.
- Some students from schools other than those listed above may need to be assigned to a regional program with transportation provided by LCPS. It is not anticipated that this would be more than a small number of schools.

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