

Albemarle Forward: How Our Schools Will Make a Difference

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Our overarching student-centered goal:

All Albemarle County Public Schools students will graduate having actively mastered the lifelong-learning skills they need to succeed as 21st century learners, workers and citizens.

NICHE 2018 BEST SCHOOLS

Albemarle County Public Schools Rankings

A+

Best School Districts



in Virginia
#3 of 131

Top 2.3%

in America
#258 of 10,574

Top 2.4%

Districts with the Best Teachers



in Virginia
#10 of 131

Top 3.1%

in America
#1,145 of 10,541

Top 6.5%

DIVISION SNAPSHOT



- ▶ This year, ACPS is serving our **13,981 PK-12 students** with a staff of **1,313 teachers** and **1,258 classified employees** at **25 Schools** (15 elementary; 6 middle; 4 HS).
- ▶ There are **three** STEM academies in the division.
- ▶ **9.7%** of our students are identified as English Learners; **29.5%** are eligible for free and reduced price meals; **12.5%** are served by Special Education; and **9.8%** are identified as Gifted.
- ▶ Our students were born in **89 countries** and speak **74 home languages**.
- ▶ Each day, our school cafeterias serve more than **8,000 meals**, and our buses travel **14,384 miles**.



World Economic Forum's Top Ten Skills Needed in 2020:

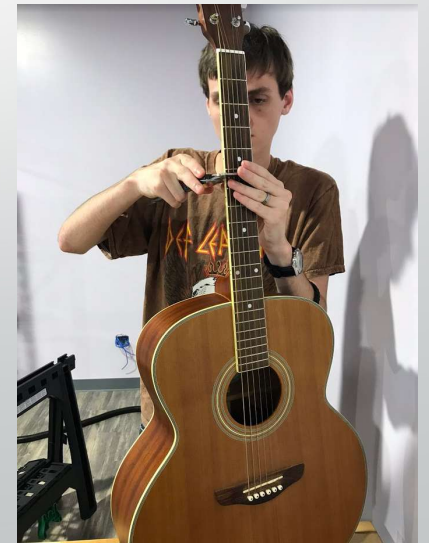
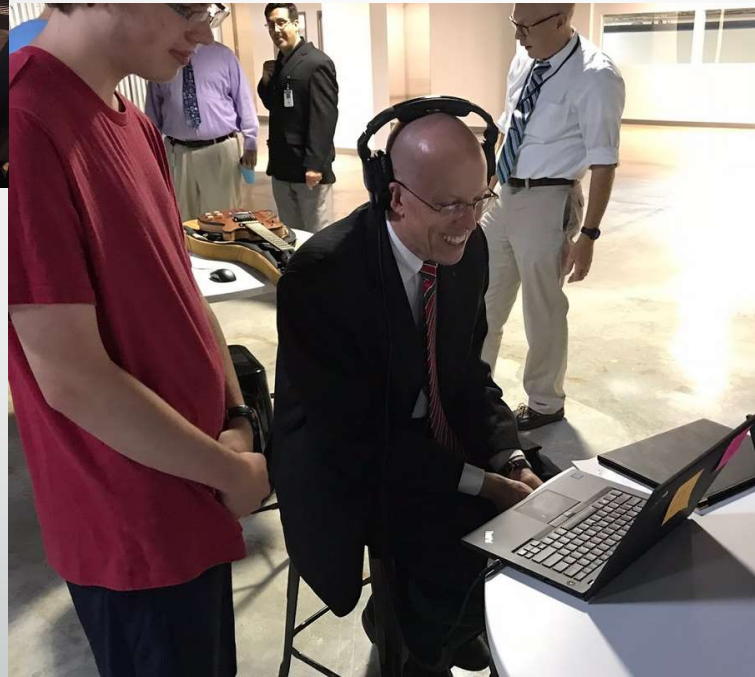
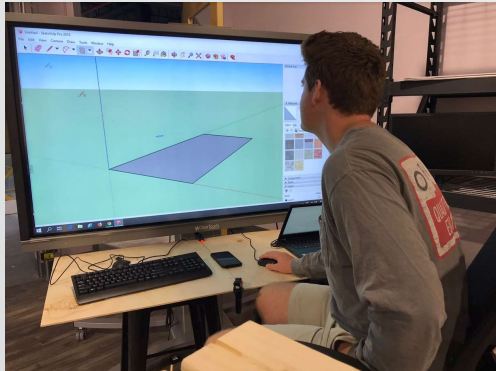
- Complex problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- People management
- Coordinating with others
- Emotional intelligence
- Judgement and decision-making
- Service orientation
- Negotiation
- Cognitive flexibility


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Create a culture of high expectations for all.
2. Identify and remove practices that perpetuate the achievement gap.
3. Ensure that students identify and develop personal interests.



Innovation in the Classroom: Albemarle Tech





We face the challenge of addressing our students' many needs:

- Our students are from many countries.
- 29.5% of our students are low income.
- Families in Crisis served 457 homeless children in 2017-18 (255 ACPS students and 202 other children, including siblings who are preschoolers, dropouts, and students living in Albemarle but attending adjoining school systems).

Additional ACPS Priorities:

- Addressing the achievement/opportunity gap
- Combating racism
- Recruiting teachers
- Capital needs





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means
ALL**