

Prince William County Public Schools

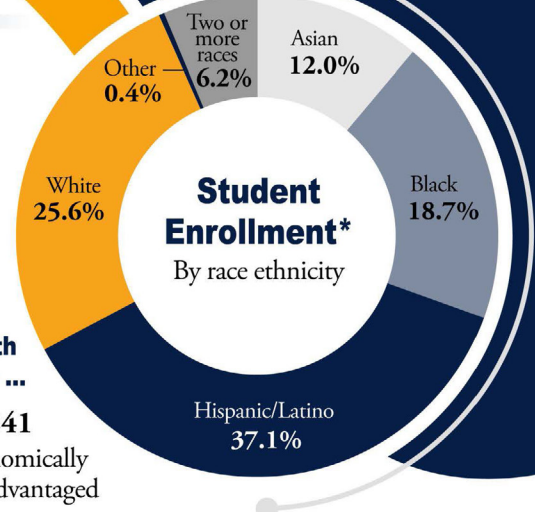
- D. Class Size Reduction Grant** – On April 21, 2015, the BOCS adopted [BOCS Resolution 15-292](#) creating a Class Size Reduction Grant of up to \$1.0 million. The grant is intended to help the School Board address the issue that PWCS class sizes are at the maximum permitted under Virginia law. Such funding was contingent upon the execution of a separate grant agreement between the School Board and the BOCS that includes the following provisions:
1. The County's funding, up to \$1,000,000, is matched dollar for dollar by the School Board.
 2. The combined amount, up to \$2,000,000, is used exclusively to sustain the class size reductions achieved during the 2015-2016 school year.
 3. The combined amount, up to \$2,000,000, cannot be used to supplant the level of effort toward class size reduction already contained within the Schools' budget.
- E. Gainesville High School (13th High School) Debt Service Equivalent** – In recognition of higher student enrollment than anticipated by PWCS, the BOCS approved [BOCS Resolution 17-18](#) on January 10, 2017, which transferred \$10,675,000 to the Schools for school site acquisition, renovations, and new school construction in the eastern portion of the County. The BOCS also directed the County Executive to include in the FY2018 Budget annual debt service costs necessary to finance an additional \$10,675,000 for additional capital project expenses at the Gainesville High School, which opened in August 2021. This is an additional transfer to the Schools over and above the Schools' share of general revenue. Board action was in response to the PWCS Board approving an alternative design for the school on January 4, 2017, that increased student capacity at the new school by over 500 students and increased the cost by \$10,675,000. The additional debt service payments will continue until FY37.
- F. Cable Grant** – An annual cable equipment grant is provided by cable television providers operating in the County. Grant proceeds must be used for cable-related capital needs. Although not considered general revenue, revenue derived from the grant is shared with PWCS in accordance with the County/Schools revenue policy. Both the County and Schools use cable equipment grant proceeds to support informational programming on their respective access channels. Grant receipts are evaluated on an annual basis for potential future adjustments.
- G. School Security Program** – The budget continues to transfer \$500,000 to the Schools for enhancing security at elementary schools in the County. The program includes six staff members including five community security officers and one community safety officer supervisor. Personnel must be retired law enforcement, but are school employees hired by school systems to serve as armed security under the authority of state law. The funding is transferred to the Schools from the Police Department budget.
- H. Student Enrollment Growth** – The Schools are projecting a reduced growth rate of 1.0% in FY27, with a small decline in FY27 through FY30 projected, then an increase in enrollment for FY31. The PWC School division estimates 88,818 total students will enroll in FY27 (September 2026). Student enrollment projections were reported by PWCS on April 7, 2026, in a [presentation to the BOCS](#).

PWCS Demographics



*Projected enrollment

- **2nd largest** school system in Virginia
- **88,818*** Pre-K-12 students
- **Projected full-time employees**
10,671 school based
2,198 non-school based
- **PWCS plans to serve families with 170+ home languages as well as ...**
26,691 English Learners
13,309 Students with Special Needs
28,841 Economically Disadvantaged



*Student enrollment information comes from VDOE School Quality Profiles (2024-25 fall membership).