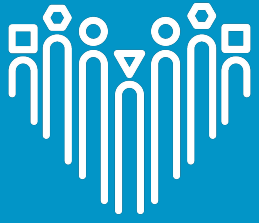


# Pre-K–Secondary Transitions

School Board Meeting  
May 19, 2022



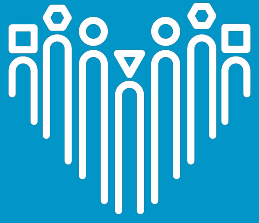
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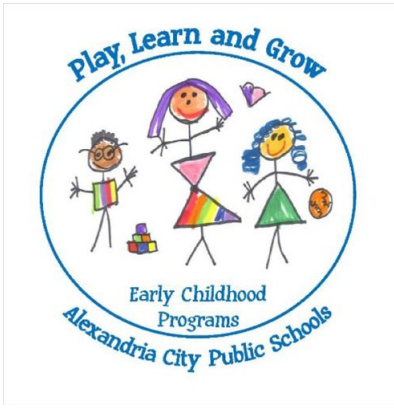
# Essential Questions

1. What Are Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) Current **Pre-K–Secondary Transitions**?
2. How Do Pre-K–Secondary Transitions **Support Student Social, Emotional, and Academic Learning**?





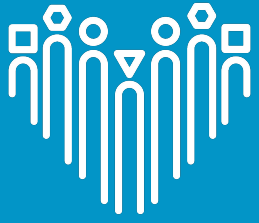
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# Pre-Kindergarten Transition

- **Conduct** Home Visits with Families
- **Hold** Open Houses
- **Host** *"Popsicles on the Playground"*
- **Distribute** Pre-K Booklet



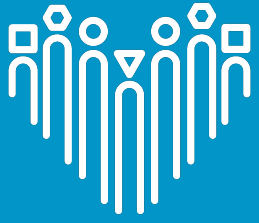


# Kindergarten Transition

- **Guide Families** through the Registration Process
- **Hold** Kindergarten Virtual Open Houses and School Tours
- **Distribute** Summer Activity Choice Boards
- **Distribute** *"Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten"* Booklet
- **Hold** *"Step Up to Kindergarten"*
  - July 25, 2022: Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School
  - August 19, 2022: All Other ACPS Elementary Schools

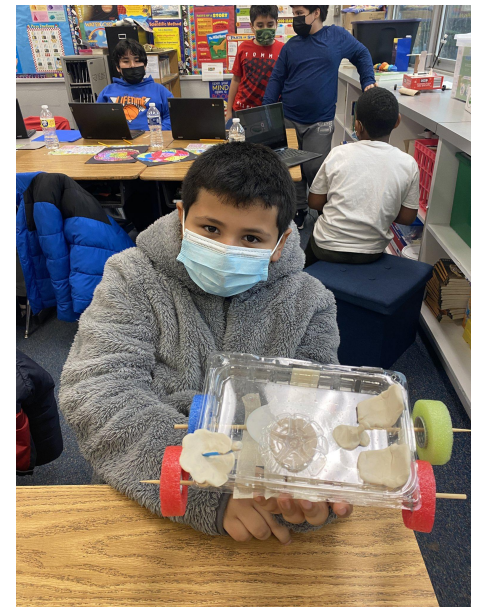
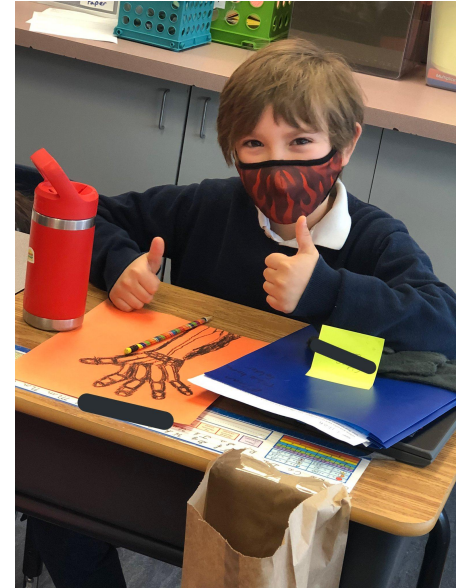


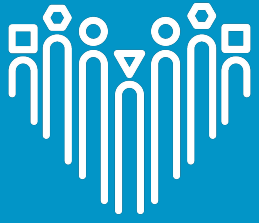




# Elementary Transition

- **Have** Teachers and Case Managers *Reach Out to Families*
- **Hold** *Open House* Events Prior to The First Day of School
- **Host** *Back to School* Nights
  - August 11, 2022: Samuel Tucker ES
  - September 15, 2022: All Other Elementary Schools
- **Have** 5th Graders *Meet with School Counselors* to Complete Course Requests for 6th Grade
- **Conduct** *Middle School Visits*
- **Hold** *Moving-up Day* Activities (Vary Among Schools)
- **Celebrate** 5th Grade *Promotion Ceremonies*



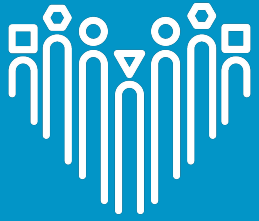


# K-8 School Transition

## *Moving Up Day*

- **Have** K-7 Students *Visit Classrooms* and *Teachers* in the Next Grade Level
- **Ensure** Students *Learn What to Expect* During the Upcoming School Year by:
  - **Participating** in Q&A Sessions
  - **Reviewing** a Sample *Class Schedule*
  - **Reviewing** Grade-Level *Curriculum*
- **Send** A *Grade-Level Overview* to Families
- **Have** *Other Activities Align* to Traditional Elementary and Middle School Transitions





# WEB - Where Everyone Belongs

## *Middle School Transition - Grade 5 to Grade 6*

### What is WEB?

- Offered to **Rising 6th Grade and New 7th and 8th Grade Students**
- Focused on the **Middle School Experience and SEAL**

### When Does WEB Take Place?

- Friday, **August 19, 2022** from **9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.**
- Grade-Level **Open Houses**

### Where Does WEB Take Place?

- **Francis C. Hammond** Middle School
- **George Washington** Middle School
- **Touch Points** Throughout the School Year

### What Happens During WEB?

- **Students Engage** in:
  - **Orientation** Activities
  - **Relationship** Building
  - Successful **Strategies for Navigating** Middle School



# Middle School KEY/Strong Start Transition For Students Receiving Specialized Instruction

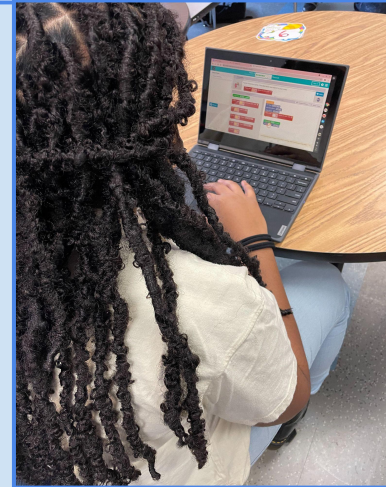
*“Kicking Off An Excellent Year With A Strong Start”*

Families of Students with Disabilities Enter the School Year:

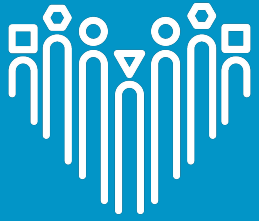
- **Feeling Knowledgeable** of Their School
- **Becoming Familiar with Support** Staff Members and **“Go-To”** Staff Members

During the **KEY/Strong Start** Meeting, Families Engage in:

- **“Meet and Greet”** for Introduction of Team Members
- **Review** of Specialized Resources, Case Managers’ Responsibilities, and Supports for Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP)

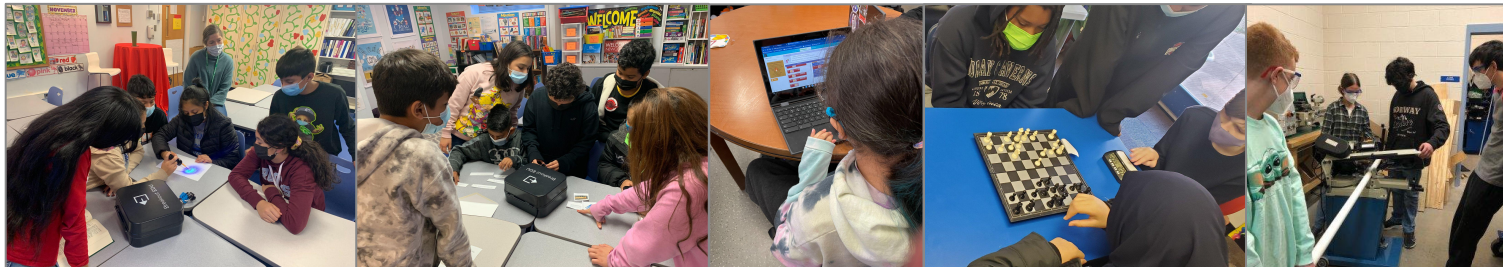






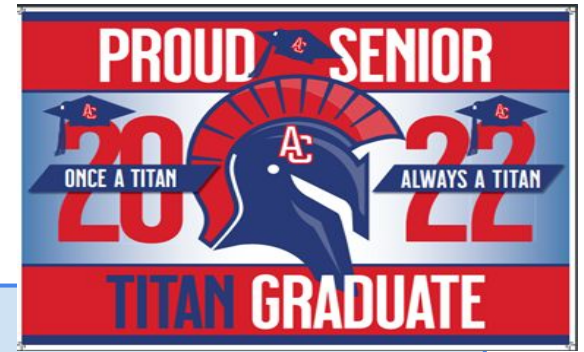
# Middle School Transition

- **Hold** *Open House Event*  
- Week of August 15-19, 2022
- **Conduct** *Back to School Night*  
- September 7, 2022
- **Have** 8th Graders *Meet with School Counselors* to Complete Course Requests for 9th Grade
- **Host** *High School Visits*
- **Conduct** *Home Visits* to Select Families
- **Celebrate** 8th Grade *Promotion Ceremonies*

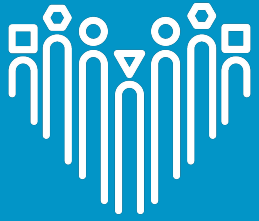




# High School Transition



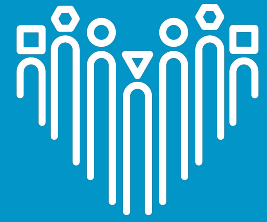
- **Ensure Successful Transitions**
  - Middle School to High School
  - Minnie Howard (9th grade) to King Street (Grades 10-12)
  - All Campuses in the Connected High School Network (CHSN)
- **Host Student and Family Orientations**
  - In Person the Week of August 8, 2022
  - Student Walkthroughs of Class Schedules
- **Conduct Orientation Workshops for Students and Families**
  - Student Experience
  - Technology
  - Support Structures
  - Extracurricular Activities and Club Involvement



# High School Transition



- **Hold** “Meet-and-Greet” Sessions
  - Specialized Instruction - Case Managers
  - School Support Teams and Administrators
- **Conduct** Summer Home Visits for Select Families and Students
- **Conduct** Neighborhood Walks
- **Host** Back-to-School Nights
  - September 7, 2022: Minnie Howard, Chance for Change, + Satellite Campuses
  - September 8, 2022: King Street Campus



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# Alexandria City High School Class of 2022 Graduation



**June 4, 2022**

**George Mason University - EagleBank Arena  
Processional begins at 9:15 a.m.**





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