



Board-to-Board, April 2026

A monthly report from the Albemarle County School Board to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

Albemarle County School Board Amends School Activities Policy—The Albemarle County School Board has amended its School Activities policy governing all clubs, sports and co-curricular activities for middle and high school students.

The updated policy draws a clear distinction between “co-curricular organizations,” such as performing arts groups, language clubs and art activities, which extend school curriculum and supplement course material within the educational program, and “non-curricular organizations,” such as religious groups, political clubs and special interest activities, which allow students to pursue interests outside the school curriculum.

Under the new policy, non-curricular clubs may continue to meet and engage in activities during non-instructional times within the school day. However, they are not permitted to have outside speakers address their club during the school day. These clubs may still invite outside speakers to address students outside the school day.

Read the full article: [Albemarle County School Board Amends School Activities Policy](#)

ACPS Announces Principal Appointments for Henley Middle, Mountain View Primary—Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) has announced two principal appointments, naming John Hobson as principal of Henley Middle School and Christine Peterson as principal of Mountain View Primary School.

Hobson brings 20 years of experience in ACPS and said his leadership will focus on strong instruction and a positive school climate. Hobson will finish this school year as assistant principal at Murray Elementary before beginning his new role as principal of Henley on July 1.

Peterson currently serves as assistant principal at Mountain View Elementary School and is working as the planning principal as the school prepares to open as a PreK–2 primary school on July 1, 2026, when she will assume the role of principal. Peterson has been part of the Mountain View community since 2023 and brings 25 years of experience in ACPS as a teacher, instructional coach and assistant principal.

Read the full article: [ACPS Announces Principal Appointments for Henley Middle, Mountain View Primary](#)

Albemarle County School Board Begins 2026 Focused on Student Achievement, Facilities and a Strong Workforce—With new leadership in place and two new members sworn in earlier this year, the Albemarle County School Board begins 2026 focused on strengthening student achievement, investing in school facilities and building a strong workforce across Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS).

In a new “Get to Know Your School Board Members” Q&A, all seven School Board members identified improving student outcomes and closing persistent achievement gaps as a top priority. They also emphasized addressing school capacity needs and modernizing aging facilities, supporting and retaining high-quality staff,

and exercising thoughtful governance through responsible budget planning, long-range strategy and stewardship of public resources.

Read the full article: [Albemarle County School Board Begins 2026 Focused on Student Achievement, Facilities and a Strong Workforce](#)

ACPS, CIS Focus on Reducing Chronic Absenteeism—Across the nation, schools continue to grapple with elevated chronic absenteeism rates, which remain higher than pre-pandemic levels. To help address this continued concern, Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) has prioritized community engagement to support students and to strengthen attendance and participation.

In Albemarle County, ACPS and Communities in Schools (CIS) NOVA have partnered to foster this type of community engagement to strengthen student attendance. Beginning in 2024, ACPS introduced the CIS model in several division schools, placing site coordinators at Greer Elementary School, Red Hill Elementary School, Journey Middle School and Albemarle High School.

Read the full article: [ACPS, CIS Focus on Reducing Chronic Absenteeism](#)

School Calendar Update: No School for Students on April 21—Due to the Virginia special election scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, Albemarle County Public Schools will close schools for students on that day.

Many of our schools serve as polling places during elections. Closing schools to students on April 21 will help reduce the number of people in our buildings, ease parking challenges, and allow us to maintain normal safety and security procedures while voting takes place.

For more information: [School Calendar Update: No School for Students on April 21](#)