

Youth Issues Info Sheet

	Disparity Ratio	Youth Voice & Community Demand	Magnitude & Urgency	Feasibility & Leverage	Coalition or Cross-sector WG?
Educational Equity		1,200 mentions. 80% rating on the Youth Issues Survey			
School Facilities & Operations		425 mentions.		ACPS Facilities & Operations	
School Lunch Services	No data available.	225 mentions.	Universal Impact: Many students during the 2 nd round of listening sessions noted that “everybody is affected” by delays, overcrowding, and maintenance issues.		
Physical Conditions & Infrastructure	No data available.	90 mentions.			
Maintenance & Custodial Services	No data available.	70 mentions.			
School Bus Transit & Intercampus Transportation	No data available.	50 mentions.	Students with Disabilities and Low - Income Youth: Those who rely on school meals or have less flexibility are especially vulnerable to short lunch periods and long lines. Dietary and Religious Needs: Students with dietary restrictions - such as Muslim and kosher - observant youth - are impacted by limited lunch variety and the mislabeling		City/ACPS/DASH workgroup

			of foods (e.g., pork - containing dishes). Active/Extracurricular Participants: Students involved in multiple clubs, sports, or afterschool activities often experience issues with crowded spaces and poor maintenance (restrooms, hallways).		
Student Wellbeing & Support Services	Hispanic students make up 38% of enrollment but represent 52% of all chronically absent students, making this the most disproportionately impacted group.	305 mentions.	2,143 Students were chronically absent in 2023-2024.	ACPS Student Services & Equity	
Mental Health & Emotional Support	No data available.	50 mentions.	A few students during round 2 of the listening sessions acknowledged that while certain groups stand out, high stress and mental health challenges affect a wide range of youth.		AHD/Partnership
Workload Balance and Restorative School Schedules	No data available.	240 mentions.			
Academic Success & Environments	In 2023, Black and Hispanic students made up 62% of enrollment, but 83% of suspensions.	260 mentions.	Satisfaction with education was the lowest-rated area in the 2024 Resident Survey (28%).	ACPS Teaching, Learning and Leadership	
Supportive Relationships and Academic Encouragement	Black students are 70% more likely to report experiencing a caring school climate than Hispanic students.	100 mentions.	36% of ACHS students report having a Caring School Climate.		

Student-Centered Learning and Engagement	White students are 31% more likely to be motivated to do well in school than Hispanic students. Asian students are 13% more likely to be actively engaged in learning than Multiracial students.	105 mentions.	77% of ACPS instructors report burnout symptoms. 71% of students are motivated to do well in school. 79% of students are actively engaged in learning.		
Assessment Practices	No data available.	30 mentions.			
Equity and Opportunity Gaps	Multiracial students are 75% more likely to pass state reading tests than Hispanic students.	25 mentions.	61% of ACPS students pass state reading proficiency tests.		
School Leadership & Student Engagement		175 mentions.	74% of students feel like Adults at ACPS Care about All Students	School & Community Relations, School Board	
Communication and Shared Decision-Making	No data available.	60 mentions.	A common observation among students during round 2 of the listening sessions was that a large portion of the student body feels undervalued, with several comments singling out Hispanic students as particularly affected by bias and neglect. Many responses indicated that “half of the students” don’t feel heard or supported, with specific emphasis on racial and ethnic disparities.		
Policy Change or Clarity	No data available.	80 mentions.			
School Climate and Interpersonal Respect	No data available.	35 mentions.			

			In addition to racial dynamics, there is a broader sense that all students are impacted by leadership shortcomings, though certain groups (e.g., Hispanic students, or students from less privileged academic tracks) bear a heavier burden.		
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Basic Needs & Relevant Resources		680 mentions. 82% rating on the Youth Issues Survey		Department of Community & Human Services (DCHS)	
Cost of Living		500 mentions.			
Economic Justice	Multiracial children are 510% more likely to live in poverty than White children.	250 mentions.	68% of ACPS qualify for free- or reduced-price meals	DCHS – Center for Economic Support, Alexandria's Recurring Income for Success and Equity (ARISE)	Economic Mobility Workgroup, Economic Opportunities Commission
Housing for All		90 mentions.	93% of low-income renters are cost-burdened. 23% of residents are satisfied with affordable housing.	Office of Housing	Healthy Homes Network, Housing Master Plan, Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee, Landlord-Tenant Relations Board

Healthcare Access & Well-being	White youth are 20% more likely to have a medical home than Multiracial youth.	80 mentions.	77% of youth report having a "medical home." 80% of residents report satisfaction with health and dental care access.	Alexandria Health Department	Health Systems Agency Of Northern Virginia
Food Justice	White youth are 210% more likely to eat vegetable daily than Black youth.	45 mentions.	42% of youth report eating vegetables daily. 80% of residents view healthy food access positively.	Food Assistance Resources	Alexandria Food Security Work Group
Social Services	White kindergarteners are 42% more likely to have a Pre-K experience than Hispanic kindergarteners.	20 mentions.	Children under 5 now make up nearly 7% of the city's population. Pre-K participation has reached a record 84%. 33% of residents are satisfied with affordable, quality childcare.	DCHS, ALX Preschool, ACPs Office of Student Services	Kids' First Years. Partnership to End & Prevent Homelessness, Social Services Advisory Board
Transportation & Mobility		180 mentions.			
Public Transit	No data available.	105 mentions.	Most residents are satisfied with metro access (71%), and bus service (70%)	DASH, Transportation & Environmental Services	Transportation Commission, Alexandria Mobility Plan
Conditions of Infrastructure and Built Environment	No data available.	40 mentions.	41–51% of residents are satisfied with street and sidewalk conditions.		Traffic and Parking Board, Neighborhood Projects ,
Traffic Safety & Management	No data available.	30 mentions.		Alexandria Police Department	Complete Streets Projects
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Physical and Psychological Safety		675 mentions. 78% rating on the Youth Issues Survey		RAISE	
Interpersonal and Youth Violence Prevention	<p>White youth are 140% more likely to report being forced to do sexual things they did not want to do.</p> <p>Multiracial youth are 50% more likely to witness domestic violence than Asian youth.</p> <p>Hispanic youth are 20% more likely to report being in a fight recently than White youth.</p> <p>Black youth are 10% more likely to report feeling safe than White youth.</p>	225 mentions.	<p>10% of youth report being forced to do sexual things they did not want to do.</p> <p>22% of youth report witnessing domestic violence.</p> <p>10% of youth report having been in a fight recently.</p> <p>39% of youth report feeling safe at home, school, or neighborhood.</p>	Youth Safety & Resiliency Initiative, DCHS – Center for Children & Families	Gang Prevention Community Task Force
Safe and Walkable Neighborhoods		215 mentions.	73% of residents reportedly feel safe while walking.	Safe Routes to Schools	
School Safety and Security		140 mentions.	During quarters three and four of SY22-23, there were a total of 263 incidents that occurred, including 68 fights.	ACPS – Office of Safety & Security Services	
Bullying Prevention	White youth are 100% more likely to report being bullied recently than Hispanic youth.	100 mentions.	10% of youth report being bullied recently.	ACPS – Student Code of Conduct	Mayor’s Campaign to End Bullying
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Social Connection and Belonging		350 mentions. 69% rating on the Youth Issues Survey			

Supportive Relationships and Social Environments	White youth are 25% more likely to report family support than Asian youth. White youth are 130% more likely to report having other adult relationships than Hispanic youth. White youth are 117% more likely to report living in a caring neighborhood than Hispanic youth.	210 mentions.	78% of youth report having Family Support. 43% of youth report having Other Adult Relationships. 35% of youth report living in a Caring Neighborhood.		Alexandria Mentoring Partnership, ACAP
Constructive Use of Time	White youth are 156% more likely than Hispanic youth to report engagement in creative activities. White youth are 156% more likely than Hispanic youth to report engagement in a structured youth program.	135 mentions.	16% of youth report regularly engaging in Creative Activities. 53% of youth report regularly engaging in Youth Programs.	Youth Services Coordinating Council, Alexandria Library	ALX Beyond, Alexandria's Arts & Culture Master Plan
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Physical, Mental, & Behavioral Health		325 mentions. 81% rating on the Youth Issues Survey			
Substance Use Prevention	White youth are 520% more likely to report using alcohol recently than Black youth.	170 mentions.	Past 30-Day Alcohol Use - 17% Ever Tried Vaping – 23%	ACPS – Office of Student Services	SAPCA
Mental Health Access & Support	LGBTQ+ youth are 80% more likely to report feeling sad or hopeless than their heterosexual peers.	70 mentions.	Feeling Hopeless or Sad – 31%	DCHS – Center for Children & Families	CHIP
Physical Activity & Recreation	White youth are 120% more likely to report engaging in regular physical activity than Black youth.	70 mentions.	5+ Days of Exercise/Week - 38%	Alexandria Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Activities	Park & Recreation Commission
Relationships, Sexual Health, and Risk Behaviors	Hispanic youth are 210% more likely to become pregnant than White youth.	10 mentions.	The current Teen Pregnancy Rate is 15.3 per 1,000 Females , ages 10-15 years	DCHS – Center for Children & Youth, Teen Wellness Center	ACAP

	Equity Impact	Youth Voice & Community Demand	Magnitude & Urgency	Feasibility & Leverage	Coalition
Responsive & Just Government		245 mentions. 80% rating on the Youth Issues Survey			
Advancing Race & Social Equity	Almost half (44%) of the CYCP measures show significant or severe gaps between groups.	190 mentions.	51% of residents feel like the government treats everyone fairly.	City's Racial Equity Core Teams, Office of Human Rights	Human Rights Commission
Responsive & Effective Government	No data available.	35 mentions.	72% of residents are satisfied with the overall quality of government services.	Communications & Community Engagement	Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
Economic Growth & Development	No data available.	20 mentions.		Alexandria Chamber of Commerce	Alexandria Economic Development Partnership
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Environmental Protection & Climate Change		185 mentions. 72% rating on the Youth Issues Survey			
Waste Management	No data available.	100 mentions.	54% of waste was diverted through recycling, reuse, or composting in 2022.	Alexandria Transportation & Environmental Services	Environmental Policy Commission, Environmental Action Plan
Ecological Health of the City	No data available.	80 mentions.	70% of residents are satisfied w/the overall quality of the natural environment		

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Pathways to College & Careers	White students are 20% more likely to graduate HS than Hispanic students. Females are about 88% more likely to attain a BA/BS degree than their male peers by age 24.	85 mentions. 80% rating on the Youth Issues Survey	91% High School Graduation Rate. 23% of 18–24-year-olds attained a BA/BS degree or higher	ACPS - College and Career Center	
College Equity, Access, & Affordability		70 mentions.		Project Discovery	
Guidance & Counseling		10 mentions.			
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Youth Employment	Females are about 10% more likely to be employed than their male peers.	33 mentions. 77% rating on the Youth Issues Survey	90.7% Employment Rate among 16-24 year olds	Workforce Development Center	
Employment Access & Opportunities		30 mentions.	773 ACPS Students earning 1+ CTE credential		CTE Workgroup
Employment Quality & Pay		3 mentions.			Commission on Employment
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Youth Agency, Leadership & Contribution		25 mentions. 70% rating on the Youth Issues Survey			

Not Feeling Valued or Heard	White youth are 190% more likely to report feeling valued by their community than Hispanic youth.	20 mentions.	Community Values Youth - 20%	City's partnership with ACPS Social Studies department	
Volunteer or Service Opportunities	White youth are 40% more likely to volunteer than Multiracial youth.	5 mentions.	Service to Others – 42%	Volunteer Alexandria	