

Youth Recommendations for Expanding Youth Leadership

Create more leadership roles and support for Hispanic students across ACPS schools. The student emphasized that Hispanic students feel underrepresented in leadership and want more opportunities to lead and participate in school activities.

> ***"Hispanic students make up about 40% of Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). However, many students within this demographic feel underrepresented in leadership roles. When Hispanic students are given more chances to lead and engage in school activities, they develop higher confidence, feel more connected to their community, and experience greater success academically."***
>
> ~ *Hispanic Student Leadership and Engagement in Alexandria City Public Schools, 2025*

Launch a Latinx Student Leadership Council

Offer bilingual leadership training at all ACPS schools. This would allow more Hispanic and Latinx students to develop leadership skills in a setting that supports their languages and participation.

Hold a Hispanic Youth Conference. The conference could provide a dedicated opportunity for Hispanic students to connect and develop as leaders.

Build on existing leadership opportunities for Hispanic students. The report card noted that some schools already have bilingual leadership clubs, youth-led organizing, mentoring, and public-speaking opportunities. The student's broader recommendation was to create more leadership roles and support across ACPS schools.

Work with Casa Chirilagua, Tenants and Workers United, and the ACPS Equity Office to support Hispanic student leadership. The report card identified these organizations and offices as champions for creating more leadership roles and opportunities across schools.

Student report card informing these recommendations:
Student author not listed on the report card, *Hispanic Student Leadership and Engagement in Alexandria City Public Schools*, 2025

> ***Among the 357 Youth Survey respondents who identified as Hispanic or Latino/a, 68% rated "Youth Voice" as somewhat or extremely important.***
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> ~ *Youth Survey, Alexandria Youth Needs Assessment, 2025*

> ***"Progress so far: Bilingual leadership clubs created in some schools."***
>
> ~ *Hispanic Student Leadership and Engagement in Alexandria City Public Schools, 2025*

> ***"Progress so far: 100+ Hispanic students involved in mentoring or leadership programs through organizations like Casa Chirilagua and Tenants and Workers United (TWU)."***
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> ~ *Hispanic Student Leadership and Engagement in Alexandria City Public Schools, 2025*