

## **Equity for All 2025 - List of Revisions**

Page Number	Original Text (with strikethroughs if removed)	Revised Text (Additions/replacements in green)
1	21 Acknowledgements	21 Unified Planning Process and
		Acknowledgements
3	Aligned with citywide plans	Unified planning process
	The goals and strategies are not only aligned	In 2019, an opportunity presented itself when the timing of revisions to three major city
	within	plans coincided — the ACPS Strategic Plan, the Department of Community and Human
	themselves, they are also aligned with citywide	Services Children and Youth Master Plan, and the Alexandria
	strategic	Health Department and the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria's Community Health
	plans and desired outcomes for our families and	Improvement Plan. These organizations joined to form a Unified Planning Team to
	our community. This will ensure that ACPS will not	collectively develop these plans, increasing the opportunity to maximize collective
	be courageously working to eliminate opportunity	community engagement, share important data, and focus on shared outcomes.
	and achievement gaps in isolation, but that we are	These plans will also be implemented in tandem.
	part of a communitywide process to drive change	
	for our young people in the city of Alexandria.	
3	EQUITY AT THE HEART	RACIAL EQUITY AT THE HEART
3	Alexandria City Public Schools is committed to	Alexandria City Public Schools is committed to racial equity. Racial equity is when race
	equity. <del>Equity is when race can no longer be used</del>	doesn't determine quality of life, opportunities, and outcomes.
	to predict life outcomes. It is about collectively	ACPS places racial equity at the heart of everything it does due to the recognition that
	removing barriers that prevent someone from	the creation and perpetuation of racial inequities has been deeply rooted into school
	achieving their aspirations and fully engaging in	systems. Deeply racialized systems are costly and depress outcomes
	whatever they choose within ACPS' educational	and life chances for all groups. Focusing on racial equity provides the opportunity to
	experiences.	create goals and strategies that can also be applied to other areas of marginalization.
	Equity and equality are sometimes used	Strategies to achieve racial equity differ from those to achieve equity in other areas.
	interchangeably; however, they actually convey	One-size-fits-all strategies are rarely successful. To have maximum impact, focus and
	significantly different ideas.	specificity are necessary. Race can be an issue that keeps other marginalized groups
	Equity is about fairness, while equality is about	from academic success. An approach that recognizes the interconnected ways in which
	sameness. We are not interested in closing the	marginalization takes place will help to achieve racial equity across the division and our
	achievement gap by equalizing student results. We	community.



	are interested in raising our results across the	Our goal is to collectively remove barriers that prevent someone from achieving their
	board through equitable access and practices in	aspirations and fully engaging in whatever they choose within ACPS' educational
	our schools.	experiences.
	Equity to us also means meeting every student	Equity and equality are sometimes used interchangeably; however, they actually convey
	where they are, and not where we want them to	significantly different ideas. Equity is about fairness, while equality is about sameness.
	be. Sometimes that means changing the way we	We are not interested in closing the achievement gap by equalizing student results. We
	teach, and how we respond to and support	are interested in raising our results across the board through equitable access and
	students of every learning ability level. It also	practices in our schools. Equity to us also means meeting
	means providing students with acceleration and	every student where they are, and not where we want them to be. Sometimes that
	advanced level work without lowering the	means changing the way we teach, and how we respond to and support students of
	standards simply to increase diversity — but	every learning ability level. It also means providing students with
	rather raising the academic bar for all.	acceleration and advanced level work without lowering the standards simply to increase
	Equity for all includes minoritized student groups,	diversity — but rather raising the academic bar for all.
	students with special needs, students who need	Equity is about knocking down barriers for all. It is not about taking from one group to
	acceleration or advanced learning, students who	give to another. It is about ensuring that all students are engaged in the services,
	need language support, and students who just	programs and opportunities they need to succeed.
	need an extra push.	Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) inspired
	Equity is about knocking down barriers for all. It is	
	not about taking from one group to give to	
	another. It is about ensuring that all students are	
	engaged in the services, programs and	
	opportunities they need to succeed.	
3	Equity:	Racial Equity:
	Empowering students, families and staff by	When race doesn't determine quality of life, opportunities and outcomes.
	providing relationships and nurturing capability to	
	collectively remove barriers that prevent anyone	
	from achieving their aspirations.	
3	Advantage/Privilege:	Educational Equity:
	A set of conditions or immunities that allow a	Educational disparities based on race, economics and other dimensions of difference are
	group of people to benefit on a daily basis beyond	reduced and eliminated. Positive school outcomes are distributed equitably



	those common to others. Advantage can exist without a person's conscious knowledge.	proportionally across all demographic and identity groups. Negative outcomes and disproportionality are reduced for all groups.
8	We are committed to monitoring our progress through:	We are committed to eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps by monitoring our progress through:
10	Measures	Measures We are committed to eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps by monitoring our progress through:
10	Knowledge of the Division's identified strategic areas of focus by ACPS staff, students, families, and the broader community (survey)	Support of the Division's identified strategic areas of focus by ACPS staff, students, families and the broader community (survey)
11	Create a culture in which Division operations department works collaboratively to support the education delivered to students.	Create a culture in which Division operations department works collaboratively and engages families to support the education delivered to students.
11	Ensure that messaging about transportation, nutrition, facilities services, safety and security are engaging, recognizable and updated.	Ensure that messaging about transportation, nutrition, facilities services, safety and security are accessible, translated, engaging, recognizable and updated.
12	Measures	Measures We are committed to eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps by monitoring our progress through:
13	Realign professional learning, Division supports for schools, and instructional coaching on instructional framework and identified high-leverage instructional strategies.	Realign professional learning, Division supports for schools, and instructional coaching on instructional framework and identified high-leverage instructional strategies through a lens of trauma-informed care.
13	Implement the Industry Advisory Board to provide opportunities for students to experience different careers.	Support the Industry Advisory Board partnership to provide opportunities for students to experience different careers.
14	Measures	Measures We are committed to eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps by monitoring our progress through:
14	Percentage of students in grades 8-11 with	



	academic and career plans	
15	Engage students and families in identifying needed supports and services and offering them in schools.	Engage students and families in identifying needed supports and services and offering them in schools while monitoring utilization of existing and new resources.
15	Provide student supports in all schools based upon their assessed need; create structures within the school schedule for the delivery of social, emotional, and academic learning (SEAL) at each school in ACPS.	Provide student supports in all schools based upon their assessed need; create structures within the school schedule for the delivery of social, emotional, and academ learning (SEAL) through restorative practices and community circles at each school in ACPS.
15	Improve students' experiences during key transitions in their educational journey.	Improve students' and families' experiences during key transitions in their educational journey.
15	Develop informational tools for students and families to support key preK-12 transitions, including sharing student performance data to facilitate collaborative development of short and long-term academic and social goals for improved outcomes.	Develop informational tools and grade level dialogues for students and families to support key preK-12 transitions, including sharing student performance data to facilitate collaborative development of short and long-term academic and social goals for improved outcomes.
15	In coordination with AVID, develop information tools and programming for students and families to support postsecondary transitions to include college, advanced training, military, gap-year, and workforce options.	In coordination with CTE and AVID, develop information tools and programming for students and families to support postsecondary transitions to include college, advance training, military, gap-year, and workforce options.
15	Develop and implement a sequence of work-based learning opportunities for students in middle and high schools.	In coordination/collaboration with CTE, develop and implement a sequence of work-based learning opportunities for students in middle and high schools.
16	Measures	Measures We are committed to eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps by monitoring ou progress through:
17	Provide Division-wide software/applications to support the education and business operations.	Provide a streamlined set of Division-wide software/applications to support the education and



		business operations.
17	Provide digital tools to support real-time communication with students, staff, and community.	Provide a streamlined set of digital tools to support real-time communication with students, staff, families and the community.
18	Measures	Measures We are committed to eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps by monitoring our progress through:
19		Implement the family and community engagement action plan in support of ensuring all families feel welcome and supported as equal partners in their children's education.
19	Ensure parents understand expectations for student learning, how to support their students' success, and where to go for assistance.	Ensure parents, regardless of home language, understand expectations for student learning, how to support their students' success, and where to go for assistance.
19	Hold regular community events in schools across the Division; work with Family and Community Engagement team and parent liaisons to maximize parent engagement.	Hold regular community events in schools across the Division; work with Family and Community Engagement team and parent liaisons to engage families in meaningful ways.
20		Developmental Assets Approach: These 40 positive supports and strengths are building blocks that children and teenagers need as a foundation for growing up. Research shows that these assets can have a positive impact on young people's lives.
20	Equity: Empowering students, families and staff by providing relationships and nurturing capability to collectively remove barriers that prevent anyone from achieving their aspirations.	Racial Equity: When race doesn't determine quality of life, opportunities, and outcomes.
20		Trauma-Informed: The increased awareness of trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACES) will build a stronger more resilient trauma-informed community.
21		UNIFIED PLANNING PROCESS  Alexandria prides itself on being a concerned, caring and engaged community — one



which works collaboratively

for the benefit of those who live here and the larger public interests. Alexandrians view themselves individually

but also, as part of this larger collective wishing to improve the lives of all who live in the city.

In 2019, the "perfect storm" of opportunity presented itself when the timing of revisions to three major city-related

plans coincided — the Alexandria City Public Schools' Strategic Plan, the Department of Community and Human

Services' Children and Youth Master Plan (CYMP), and the Alexandria Health Department and the Partnership for

a Healthier Alexandria's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). These organizations established a Unified

Planning Team in the spring of 2019 and found partnering to develop their plans collectively provided added

value to each through the opportunity to maximize collective community engagement, use and focus on the most

important data, and focus on shared outcomes.

The result of working together, instead of in isolation, should prove beneficial to all in Alexandria and serve as a

model for future efforts in our community.

We invite you to view the outcome of this unified planning work in this document and the others completed as part

of this collaborative effort.

While developing these plans is important, implementing them successfully is even more important. As a result,

the Unified Planning Team will evolve into a Unified Implementation Team to continue the partnership during

implementation of these plans over the next five years and continue to ensure alignment of actions, collective



community engagement, use of data, and sharing of resources, when possible.