

Alexandria/Arlington Regional Workforce Council's Education & Workforce Legislative Positions

The following set of legislative positions were adopted during the Alexandria/Arlington Regional Workforce Council's September 18, 2025, meeting. These six priorities address the education and workforce needs of the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, Greater Washington region, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The adopted positions include:

- Support additional funding for local workforce development boards, adult education, community colleges, disability service providers, and Virginia's small- and medium-sized for-profit businesses to expand work-based learning programs, including apprenticeships, internships, and other experiential learning opportunities, to meet the Commonwealth's current workforce demands.
- Support educational initiatives that improve all student achievement, including Career Technical Education, focused on professional and technical skills-based training, delivery of industry recognized certifications/licenses, and the development of the future workforce.
- Support initiatives that strengthen Virginia's teacher workforce.
- Invest in continuing educational initiatives that improve incumbent workers' competitiveness in Virginia's economy that will ultimately enhance their employers' productivity. Create incentives to encourage workers who complete participation in these initiatives to retain their employment for one year.
- Support efforts to expand access to affordable childcare and early education, disability employment, substance abuse services, public transportation, and workforce housing.
- Support additional funding to support the reemployment needs of residents affected by federal budget cuts.