



Student-Centered Experience

Develop/sustain a culture of belonging, safety and positive student-staff relationships

Making Progress with our Strategic Plan

Practices that Contribute to a Culture of Belonging

Early childhood programs like preschool (3 and 4 year olds) and Transitional Kindergarten (4 year olds) provide a foundation for students' success in the K-12 system. Students build skills, connection, and a love for learning, while their parents also build essential partnerships with school.

VPS offers a continuum of preschool models, including inclusion programs. Transitional Kindergarten is a full-day program that provides structures for play and exploration. Families are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the classroom.

Teachers in our early childhood programs observe students' readiness skills through The Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WA KIDS). The information collected is shared with families. It informs teacher planning and student growth.



Expanding Early Learning Opportunities in VPS

We are making progress in growing opportunities for the youngest members of our system.

Our Transitional Kindergarten programs offerings have significantly increased.

	2019-2020	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Number of TK Classes	1	1	3	5	10
Number of TK Students Served	17	17	50	90	180