

FRL notes APS data 2002 2013 First cut edited 11 28 12 Fred Millar

PERSISTENT SOCIOECONOMIC [SES] SEGREGATION IN APS SCHOOLS

<file:///C:/Users/Fred/Desktop/Economic%20Integration%20APS%20Boundaries%20Diversity%20Deseg%20to%20Aug%202012/FRL%20APS%20History%20Stats%202002%202010.htm> **The APS FRL Chart with only percentages**

shows overall a definite downward trend over the 11-year period 2002-2012 in total percentage of APS students whose families qualified for Free and Reduced Lunch.

Nearly all major APS schools showed drops in % of FRL student populations.

[Exceptions, those which increased in FRL student percentage, were:

Drew ES, Wakefield HS, ATS ES, Carlin Springs ES]

Perhaps this overall pattern is mainly indicative of the drop in Latino population in Arlington during this period, in turn possibly due to a significant loss of affordable housing in Arlington, the recession, and more hostile N VA political climate?

Regarding the FRL gaps between schools, the isolation of many students into schools with either very high or very low percentages of FRL students has remained relatively steady over the period [no closing of the greatest SES school gaps] :

For example, the Elementary Schools gap between highest FRL school (Carlin Springs ES) and lowest FRL schools (Nottingham, Taylor, Jamestown and Tuckahoe) over the period has remained steady at roughly 80 percentage points.

The Middle Schools gaps in FRL percentages between Kenmore/Jefferson/Gunston in South Arlington and Swanson/Williamsburg in North Arlington has also remained steady over the period at roughly 35-40 percentage points.

At the High School level, the gap between Wakefield and Yorktown has widened from 30 to 35 percentage points. [*This analysis says nothing about segregation within schools, e.g., with ES grouping and secondary school tracking into courses of varying rigor.*]

But the drops in FRL student populations over the period were generally much more **proportionately significant** for the Elementary Schools with fewest FRL students [i.e., in N Arl] than for those with the most [i.e., in S Arl], e.g., :

- o Tuckahoe ES dropped by nearly 80% of its [few] FRL students.
- o Nottingham dropped by about 60 % of its FRL students its from high in 2004 to 2012.
- o Jamestown ES dropped by nearly 50% from its high in 2005 to 2012.
- o Taylor ES dropped by nearly 50%.
- o Arlington Science Focus ES dropped by more than 50%.

Whereas, in S Arlington, the reduction in SES diversity was much less significant:

- o Hoffman Boston dropped by only 5%.
- o Abingdon dropped by 15%.
- o Randolph dropped by 6%.
- o Campbell dropped by 30%.

o The new APS 2012-13 chart with numbers of FRL students per school shows that one school in S Arl, Carlin Springs ES, alone has (with 503 FRL students) nearly as many as all 9 North Arl Elementary Schools combined (522 total).

<http://apsva.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1113>

o In 2012-13, the 3 South Arlington Middle Schools enrolled 1057 total FRL students [average 350 per school] to only 275 total [average 137 per school] in the 2 North Arlington Middle Schools.