

Grace Hopper Center Update

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Greetings!

I am excited to share important news and updates about our future school facility, the **Grace Hopper Center** (GHC). Beginning in the 2026–27 school year, the **Arlington Career Center** will transition to its new home and identity as the Grace Hopper Center. This move represents a bold step forward in our commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and preparing students for success in college, careers, and life. This is a school that will benefit our entire APS community, and we cannot wait to share it with all of you.



At the heart of this modern, state-of-the-art building will be our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, which will not only continue for all APS students but will also expand and grow.

The amazing programs are designed to offer APS students:

- Opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials
- Access to pathways leading to high-demand careers
- The ability to pursue stackable degrees, professional credentials and certificates that support lifelong learning and career growth

A key highlight is the expansion of Arlington Tech Governor's STEM Academy. Starting in 2026, the program will grow to welcome 250 incoming 9th-grade students each year.

Arlington Tech offers:

- A STEM-focused curriculum merging rigorous college coursework and authentic learning opportunities.
- Dual enrollment opportunities allow students to earn up to 60 college credits while in high school.
- Project-based and work-based learning experiences that build real-world skills and knowledge.

We are thrilled to watch the Grace Hopper Center come to life, a school designed to foster creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and career readiness. Named in honor of **Grace Hopper**, a trailblazer in computer science and innovation, GHC will stand as a beacon of opportunity and achievement for generations of students.



Grace Murray Hopper at the UNIVAC keyboard, c. 1960. Hopper was an American mathematician and rear admiral in the U.S. Navy who was a pioneer in developing computer technology, helping to devise UNIVAC I, the first commercial electronic computer, and naval applications for COBOL (common-business-oriented language).

You can keep up with updates on the **Grace Hopper Center** through the upcoming school year on our website! We'll be adding photos, videos, and stories to share progress.

We look forward to partnering with you as we continue to build the future together.

Best Regards,

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