



Grassroots Alexandria: Education Team

What we believe, who we are, and what we do

Who We Are

[Grassroots Alexandria](#) is a local, citizen-driven, non-fundraising, nonpartisan advocacy group who works towards a more equitable and livable Alexandria for everyone living in our city. We do work across several community issues, including transportation access, education, human rights issues, and affordable housing.

What We Believe

We strongly believe that all students should thrive in our public school system, regardless of ability status, racial/ethnic background, grade level/age, or socio-economic factors. We want to see students receiving stronger and more consistent academic- and mental health supports, so that we ultimately see parity at the 12th grade level with respect to graduation rates and other key academic indicators across the entire student body.

In addition, we voice our support for expanding the use of restorative discipline practices throughout the school system, so that fewer students are being suspended and expelled, and we move towards a less punitive and more restorative approach that is already being embraced by Arlington Co. and Fairfax Co. schools.

What We Do

PARTNERSHIPS & RELATIONSHIPS:

- Alexandria City Community for Public Education
- Tenants and Workers United (TWU)
- Communities of color
- Student organizations

RESEARCH:

- Student academic and mental health supports: What academic and health supports are needed for students?
- Disciplinary actions and Restorative Practices data: What would a care-based approach to school safety look like?

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH:

- Building connections with our Partners
- Meeting with ACPS staff and School Board members to build relationships and advocate for funding increases for student supports
- Speaking at School Board and City Council meetings to advocate for increased funding and staffing towards student supports, and more proactive use of Restorative Practices