AUGUSTA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
With 12 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, 5 high schools, and various specialty programs, enrollment in Augusta County public schools has decreased. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

**FUNDING**
As the state has cut education funding statewide, per student direct aid has fallen sharply for Augusta County Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

The state government’s share of operations funding for Augusta schools has fallen, while the local’s and federal government’s shares have risen.

Students from families that struggle financially face challenges that can make success in the classroom more difficult.

- 12% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 40% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.
- 5% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 92% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, above the statewide 91% rate.

163 number of 4-year olds with state Virginia Pre-School Initiative funding in 2016-2017

12.85 pupil-teacher ratio in 2015

29% of 3rd graders did not pass SOL reading in 2015

Enrollment has decreased.

Did you know ....

- That a one-cent increase in Augusta’s property tax rate can raise about $668,000?
- That Augusta invested 88.2% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

September 2016

The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student has fallen sharply

(FY16 dollars)

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*Operations include regular day school, school food services, summer adult, adult education, and other education, but not non-LEA, non-regular day school, debt service, or capital outlay. Pre-K is included in 2015, but not in 2009.*