With 28 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 7 high schools, and two specialty centers, enrollment in Chesapeake public schools has held steady. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

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

- 13% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 35% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.
- 3% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 93% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, above the statewide 91% rate.

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

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

Did you know ....

... that Chesapeake invested 105.2% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau

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