With 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 high schools, and several specialty programs, enrollment in Danville schools has decreased. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

**Enrollment has decreased.**

Number of 4-year olds with state Virginia Pre-School Initiative funding in 2016-2017: 215

Pupil-teacher ratio in 2015: 13.74

39% of 3rd graders did not pass SOL reading in 2015

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

36% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.

All students got free meals in 2016 because of community eligibility.

10% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.

79% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

**FUNDING**

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

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

Total funding for operations*

*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.

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**Did you know....**

... that a one-cent increase in Danville's property tax rate can raise about $224,000?

... that Danville invested 54.8% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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

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