FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Serving both Fairfax city and county, with 143 elementary, 24 middle, 24 high, and 6 secondary schools along with a wide array of specialty schools and programs, enrollment in Fairfax schools has grown rapidly. 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.

- 8% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 28% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.
- 6% 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.

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student has risen (FY16 dollars)

The state government’s share of operations funding for Fairfax County Public schools has risen, while the local government’s share has fallen.

Did you know....

- that a one-cent increase in both the city and county’s property tax rate can raise $21.9 million?
- that Fairfax City and County combined invested 115.9% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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

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