FREDERICKSBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With 2 elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school, enrollment in Fredericksburg City schools has grown rapidly. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

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- 24% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 54% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.
- 12% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 82% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

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FUNDING

Even as the state has cut education funding statewide, per student direct aid has risen for Fredericksburg City Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student has risen

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

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.

2009: $38.1 million (FY15 dollars)
- Local Share 72.8%
- State Share 20.3%
- Federal Share 7.0%

2015: $44.7 million
- Local Share 61.8%
- State Share 29.0%
- Federal Share 9.2%

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

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