NEWPORT NEWS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With 5 early childhood centers, 24 elementary, 7 middle, 5 high, 1 middle-high combination school, and a number of specialty schools, enrollment in Newport News Public Schools has decreased. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

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

- 25% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 61% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.
- 3% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 90% 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 Newport News Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

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

Did you know ....

... that a one-cent increase in Newport News’ property tax rate can raise about $1.4 million?

... that Newport News invested 108.3% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?