**NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

With 34 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 5 high schools, and a wide array of specialty schools and programs, enrollment in Norfolk schools has decreased. 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.**

- 32% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 67% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.
- 6% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 81% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

**Enrollment has decreased.**

- 1,395 number of 4-year-olds with state Virginia Pre-School Initiative funding in 2016-2017
- 37% of 3rd graders did not pass SOL reading in 2015

**FUNDING**

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

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

*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** $386.2 million (FY15 dollars)
  - Local Share: 28.4%
  - State Share: 58.6%
  - Federal Share: 13.0%

- **2015** $360.7 million
  - Local Share: 35.5%
  - State Share: 51.0%
  - Federal Share: 13.5%

**Did you know ....**

- ... that a one-cent increase in Norfolk’s property tax rate can raise about $1.8 million?
- ... that Norfolk invested 103.0% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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

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