**RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

With 4 preschool centers, 26 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, 5 high schools, and a wide array of specialty schools and programs, enrollment in Richmond schools has increased. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

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**FUNDING**

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

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student has fallen sharply

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

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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 Richmond invested 83.6% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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

40% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.

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

12% 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.

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

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