**ROANOKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

With 17 elementary, 5 middle, 2 high schools, along with a number of other programs, enrollment in Roanoke City schools has increased. 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.*

- 31% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 73% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.
- 10% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 86% 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 for Roanoke City Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student 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.

**Did you know ...?**

- ... that a one-cent increase in Roanoke City’s property tax rate can raise over $685,000?
- ... that Roanoke City invested 145.8% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?