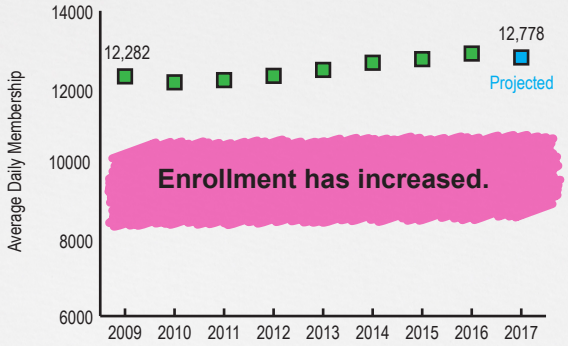
ROANOKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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.



Enrollment has increased.

517
number of 4-year olds with state Virginia Pre-School Initiative funding in 2016-2017

12.76
pupil-teacher ratio in 2015

26%
of 3rd graders did not pass SOL reading in 2015

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.

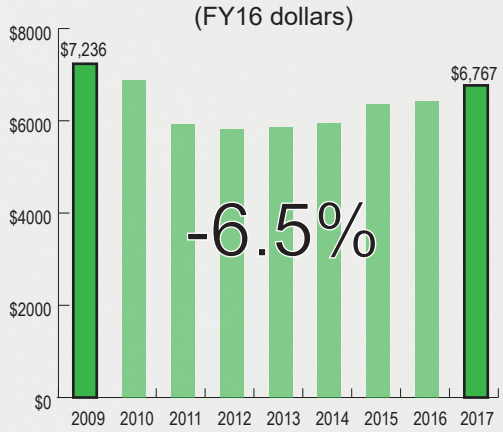
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
September 2016

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

FUNDING

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

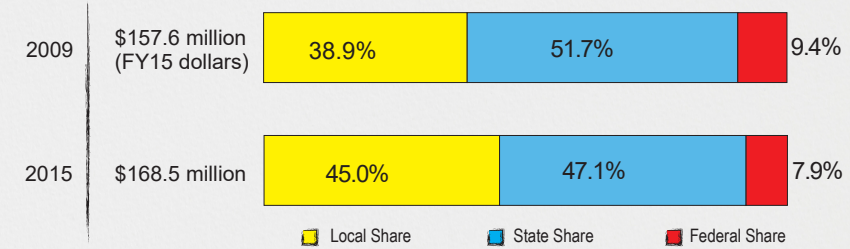
Between 2009 and 2017, **state direct aid per student has fallen**



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

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?

State average 77.7%

Roanoke City 145.8%