With 55 elementary schools, 15 middle schools, 12 high schools, and a number of specialty schools and programs, enrollment in Virginia Beach City Public 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.

12% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.

36% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.

5% 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.

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

2009
$846.3 million (FY15 dollars)

2015
$772.0 million


did you know ....

... that a one-cent increase in Virginia Beach’s property tax rate can raise about $5.1 million?

... that Virginia Beach invested 120.9% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?