With 2 elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and a technical center, enrollment in Westmoreland County schools has dropped. 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.

- 28% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 75% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.
- 7% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 88% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

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

FUNDING

Even as the state has cut education funding statewide, per student direct aid has risen for Westmoreland County Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student has risen

**... that a one-cent increase in Westmoreland County’s property tax rate can raise about $253,000?**

**... that Westmoreland County invested 19.4% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?**

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

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