With 3 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school, enrollment in Dickenson 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.**

- 25% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 56% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.
- 12% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 82% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

The state's share of operations funding for Dickenson County schools has fallen, while the local government's share has risen.

**FUNDING**

As the state has cut education funding statewide, per student direct aid has fallen sharply for Dickenson County Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student has fallen sharply (FY16 dollars)

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*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 Dickenson's property tax rate can raise about $147,000?
- ... that Dickenson invested 59.2% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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