With 1 primary school, 7 elementary schools, 1 middle school, 3 high schools, and 1 technical center, enrollment in Russell County 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.

- 23% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 56% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.
- 4% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 94% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, above the statewide 91% rate.

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

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

Did you know ....

- ... that a one-cent increase in Russell County’s property tax rate can raise about $142,000?
- ... that Russell invested 9.1% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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

The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
October 2016