HALIFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With 2 early learning centers, 7 elementary, 1 middle, 1 high school, and a specialty school, enrollment in Halifax 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.

23% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.

61% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.

6% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.

87% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

FUNDING

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

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

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

Did you know....

... that a one-cent increase in Halifax’s property tax rate can raise about $260,000?

... that Halifax invested 18.1% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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

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