MECKLENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS
With 4 elementary, 2 middle, and 2 high schools, enrollment in Mecklenburg 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.

- 30% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 61% 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.

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

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

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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.

Did you know....
... that a one-cent increase in Mecklenburg’s property tax rate can raise about $377,400?
... that Mecklenburg invested 28.6% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?