ESSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
With 1 elementary, 1 intermediate, and 1 high school, enrollment in Essex County schools has dropped. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

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Students from families that struggle financially face challenges that can make success in the classroom more difficult.

24% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.

63% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.

4% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.

93% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, above the statewide 91% rate.

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

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.

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<td>2009</td>
<td>$18.7 million</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>$16.7 million</td>
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Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis

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Did you know ...

... that a one-cent increase in Essex’s property tax rate can raise about $125,000?

... that Essex invested 56.7% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?