ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for Alexandria City Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment has grown rapidly from 11,103 students in 2009 to 15,261 projected students in 2018.

623 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2017-2018.

37% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016.

- 15% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.
- 60% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide.
- 40% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide.
- Alexandria filled 67% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

FUNDING

State direct aid, per student, has fallen for Alexandria City Public Schools after adjusting for inflation.

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Alexandria's share has remained steady.

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.

2008-2009: $231.6 million (FY17 dollars)
- Local Share: 79.7%
- State Share: 15.2%
- Federal Share: 5.1%

2015-2016: $255.0 million (FY17 dollars)
- Local Share: 78.9%
- State Share: 15.9%
- Federal Share: 5.2%

STAFFING

Relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009, there are fewer staff in Alexandria City Public Schools. This includes:

These numbers show how many more or fewer staff schools have from not maintaining their 2008-2000 staffing ratio.

- Fewer teachers and instructors: 357
- More principals and assistant principals: 8
- More guidance counselors and librarians: 6
- Fewer teacher aides: 66
- Fewer support staff: 50

- Total: 459 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009.

Did you know ....

- That a one-cent increase in Alexandria's property tax rate can raise about $3,648,200?
- That Alexandria invested 158.8% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis