FAIRFAX COUNTY/CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has grown rapidly from 165,688 students in 2009 to 184,037 projected students in 2018

- 11%

2,358 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2017-2018.

6.2% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016

7% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide

27% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide

29% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide

Fairfax City/County filled 71% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative

STAFFING

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

- 86 More teachers and instructors
- 21 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 11 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 497 More teacher aides
- +1487 Fewer support staff

936 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009

FUNDING

State direct aid, per student, has risen for Fairfax City/County Public Schools after adjusting for inflation.

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Fairfax City/County’s share has decreased.

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>$2,546.9 million (FY17 dollars)</td>
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<td>$2,672.2 million (FY17 dollars)</td>
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Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Fairfax City/County’s property tax rate can raise about $23,231,100?

...that Fairfax City/County invested 120.9% 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
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