FALLS CHURCH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has grown rapidly from 1,955 students in 2009 to 2,787 projected students in 2018.

- 3% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.
- 8% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide.
- 9% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide.
- Falls Church filled 77% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

STAFFING

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

- 18 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 1 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 3 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 13 Fewer teacher aides
- 27 Fewer support staff
- 62 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009

FUNDING

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

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Falls Church has taken on a larger share of funding.

Total funding for operations*

*Operations include regular day school, school food services, summer adult and youth 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 Falls Church’s property tax rate can raise about $386,800?
- that Falls Church invested 206.5% 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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