HARRISONBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has grown rapidly from 4,246 students in 2009 to 5,945 projected students in 2018.

- 478 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2017-2018.
- 6.3% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016

- 22% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide
- 71% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide
- 46% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide
- Harrisonburg filled 53% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative

STAFFING

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

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

FUNDING

State direct aid, per student, has remained steady for Harrisonburg City Public Schools after adjusting for inflation.

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

Total funding for operations:

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Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Harrisonburg’s property tax rate can raise about $393,400?
- that Harrisonburg invested 105.9% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2018?

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