SALEM CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has decreased from 3,900 students in 2009 to 3,784 projected students in 2018.

- 13% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.
- 33% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide.
- 4% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide.
- Salem filled 86% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

FUNDING

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

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

STAFFING

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

- 5 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 1 More principals and assistant principals
- 1 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 7 Fewer teacher aides
- 12 Fewer support staff
- 24 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Salem's property tax rate can raise about $201,000?
- that Salem invested 120.9% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016?