SUFFOLK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has held steady from 13,568 students in 2009 to 13,668 projected students in 2018. 1%

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

7.8% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016

- 16% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide
- 47% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 42% statewide
- 0% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide
- Suffolk filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative

STAFFING

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

- 74 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 3 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 5 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 50 Fewer teacher aides
- 37 Fewer support staff

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

FUNDING

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

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

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 | $159.3 million (FY17 dollars) | 33.4% Local Share | 58.2% State Share | 8.4% Federal Share

2015-2016 | $149.9 million (FY17 dollars) | 39.6% Local Share | 52.1% State Share | 8.4% Federal Share

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Suffolk's property tax rate can raise about $902,600?
- that Suffolk invested 93.1% 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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