ARLINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS
Enrollment since 2008-2009:

- 44% increase

Arlington had 18,557 students in 2008-2009.

Arlington is projected to have 26,654 students in 2018-2019.

- 9% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide
- 31% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide
- 30% of all student were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide
- 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018

- 6.6% of the class of 2017 dropped out

STAFFING
Overall staffing levels for Arlington have decreased compared to enrollment from 2008-2009 to 2016-2017. There are now:

- 476 More teachers and instructors
- 21 More principals and assistant principals
- 12 More school counselors and librarians
- 87 More teacher aides
- 91 More support staff

- 687 More staff
- 6,917 More students

FUNDING

Per student funding (FY18 dollars)

State direct aid has fallen sharply for Arlington County Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

The local, state, and federal shares of school operations funding has shifted since 2008-2009.
Arlington's share has remained steady

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
- 83.7% Local Share
- 13.1% State Share
- 3.3% Federal Share

2016-2017
- 84.1% Local Share
- 13.0% State Share
- 2.9% Federal Share

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Arlington's property tax rate can raise about $7,127,500?

- that Arlington invested 181.6% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016-2017?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis, September 2018