ESSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

-18%

Essex had 1,596 students in 2008-2009.

Essex is projected to have 1,314 students in 2018-2019.

- 23% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide
- 70% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide
- 4% of all students 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

STAFFING

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

- 24 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 0 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 4 Fewer teacher aides
- 23 Fewer support staff

51 Fewer staff
248 Fewer students

FUNDING

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

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

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Essex's property tax rate can raise about $126,400?

...that Essex invested 82.3% 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