ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY SCHOOLS

This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for Isle of Wight County Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

Isle of Wight is projected to have 5,356 students in 2018-2019.

- 12% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide.
- 35% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide.
- 1% of all student were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide.
- 94% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018.

89 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2018-2019

3.4% of the class of 2017 dropped out

STAFFING

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

57 Fewer teachers and instructors
0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
1 More school counselors and librarians
4 More teacher aides
82 Fewer support staff

135 Fewer staff
71 Fewer students

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen sharply for Isle of Wight County Schools, adjusting for inflation.

The local, state, and federal shares of school operations funding has shifted since 2008-2009. Isle of Wight’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.

Did you know . . .

...that a one-cent increase in Isle of Wight’s property tax rate can raise about $428,600?

...that Isle of Wight invested 77.6% 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
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