MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

-13%

Mecklenburg had 4,629 students in 2008-2009. Mecklenburg is projected to have 4,019 students in 2018-2019.

- 24% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide
- 63% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide
- 2% of all student were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide
- 91% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018

STAFFING

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

41 Fewer teachers and instructors
0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
3 Fewer school counselors and librarians
16 Fewer teacher aides
46 Fewer support staff
106 Fewer staff
328 Fewer students

FUNDING

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

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

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Did you know....

...that a one-cent increase in Mecklenburg’s property tax rate can raise about $399,600?

...that Mecklenburg invested 30.5% 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