PETERSBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

-16%

Petersburg had 4,375 students in 2008-2009. Petersburg is projected to have 3,669 students in 2018-2019.

- 41% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide
- 83% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide
- 4% of all student were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide
- 95% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018

STAFFING

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

- 121 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 5 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 13 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 21 Fewer teacher aides
- 66 Fewer support staff

- 225 Fewer staff
- 498 Fewer students

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

3.6% of the class of 2017 dropped out

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen for Petersburg City Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

The local, state, and federal shares of school operations funding has shifted since 2008-2009. Petersburg’s contribution has fallen.

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
$56.8 million
(FY18 dollars)
19.4% Local Share
66.6% State Share
14.0% Federal Share

2016-2017
$53.2 million
(FY18 dollars)
17.5% Local Share
60.8% State Share
21.7% Federal Share

Did you know....

...that a one-cent increase in Petersburg's property tax rate can raise about $187,800?

...that Petersburg invested 35.7% 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