NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This profile shows the most recent data available going into the 2019-2020 school year and highlights demographics, staffing, and funding for Norfolk Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down.

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Norfolk is projected to have 27,234 students in 2019-2020.

- 27% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 67% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide.
- 3% of all students were English learners in 2018-2019 compared to 8% statewide.
- 14% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen sharply per student for Norfolk Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

Compared to 2008-2009, the state's share of total funding has decreased.

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Funding

[Graph showing funding levels and state share]

- Total funding for operations:
  - 2008-2009: $413.3 million (FY19 dollars)
  - 2017-2018: $367.8 million (FY19 dollars)

Did you know....

- that a one-cent increase in Norfolk's property tax rate can raise about $1,892,700?
- ...3% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Norfolk went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 34 eligible kids missed out on preschool?
- ...that, in 2017-2018, Norfolk invested 104.6% above what is required by localities in the state's primary funding formula?

Overall, staffing levels for Norfolk have decreased compared to enrollment since 2008-2009.

In 2017-2018, there were:

427 Fewer teachers and instructors
41 Fewer support staff
33 Fewer school counselors and librarians
149 Fewer teacher aides
1 More principals and assistant principals

650 Fewer staff compared to
3,420 Fewer students

May not sum due to rounding

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau