PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down.

Portsmouth had 14,333 students in 2008-2009.

Portsmouth is projected to have 12,993 students in 2019-2020.

- 29% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 63% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide.
- 1% of all students were English learners in 2018-2019 compared to 8% statewide.
- 12% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

STAFFING

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

In 2017-2018, there were

- 275 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 320 Fewer support staff
- 39 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 91 Fewer teacher aides
- 11 Fewer principals and assistant principals

736 Fewer staff compared to 1,099 Fewer students

May not sum due to rounding

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

FUNDING

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

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

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Did you know....

- that a one-cent increase in Portsmouth's property tax rate can raise about $718,000?
- 0% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Portsmouth went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 0 eligible kids missed out on preschool?
- that, in 2017-2018, Portsmouth invested 148.9% above what is required by localities in the state's primary funding formula?

*Operations does not include debt service, capital outlay, and expenses for programs that are not locality specific. Pre-K is included in 2017-2018, but not in 2008-2009.

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