Students

Enrollment growth between 2008-2009 to 2021-2022 has gone down by 11.1%.

Here are additional characteristics of students that go to Portsmouth Public Schools, compared to the state overall.

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<td>School-age children living in poverty</td>
<td>22.7%</td>
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<td>English learners</td>
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<td>Eligible for IDEA services</td>
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<td>Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch</td>
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Staffing

Compared to 2008-2009, staff per student has decreased in Portsmouth Public Schools.

- 339 fewer teachers and instructors
- 271 fewer support staff
- 33 fewer school counselors and librarians
- 58 fewer teacher aides
- 11 fewer principals and assistant principals

That’s 713 fewer staff overall, compared to 1,926 fewer students.

Funding

In Portsmouth Public Schools, state direct aid per student has decreased by 10.1%, adjusted for inflation, since 2008-2009.

From 2008-09 to 2020-21, the state’s share of total funding has decreased.

Did you know…

- …that a one-cent increase in Portsmouth’s property tax rate can raise about $749,500?
- …that, in 2020-2021, Portsmouth invested 114.8% above what is required by localities in the state’s primary funding formula?

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

NA = data not available for given locality.
CEP = One or more schools participates in the community eligibility provision.