

Virginia Education Funding 101

Education policy is shaped and implemented within the school district, is funded by local government, is funded and overseen by the state, and receives additional supplemental funding from the federal government



Visit our Advocacy Hub for ways you can get involved!



Federal Government

8% of federal funds go to K-12 public schools

State Government

Virginia is supposed to fund 55% of education based on prevailing local costs

Varies in % by locality wealth & revenue

In reality, they only fund about 45%

Local Government & School Division

RVA

RPS

- Virginia ranks 15th in income wealth but 45th in state support of K-12 education -
- Local governments have limited ability to raise taxes to meet true needs -
- State funding for RPS went down 16% (2008-2018, inflation-adjusted), compared to the statewide decline of 8%, shifting more burden onto RVA -

www.rvaschools.net/advocacy