

# FUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Introduction for AAUW-VA

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FOS is a coalition of 23 organizations advocating for **full** and **fair** funding of Virginia K-12 public schools



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# Making the Grade 2022

## Virginia



### SELECT STATE

Virginia

Enrollment: 1,297,012  
School-aged Poverty: 11%  
Percent Asian/Pf: 7%  
Percent Black: 22%  
Percent Hawaiian/Pf: 0%  
Percent Hispanic/Latino: 17%  
Percent Native American: 0%  
Percent white: 48%

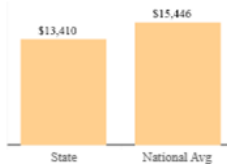
### Funding Level

State and local revenue per pupil, adjusted for regional cost differences.

Virginia ranked 36 out of 51 on funding level with \$13,410 in cost-adjusted revenue per pupil — \$2,036 below the national average (\$15,446).



#### PER PUPIL FUNDING



### Funding Distribution

Describes the allocation of funds to school districts relative to the concentration of student poverty.

Virginia's funding distribution was flat: on average, high-poverty districts receive 5% or \$674 less per-pupil than low-poverty districts.



#### PER PUPIL FUNDING BY DISTRICT POVERTY



### Funding Effort

PK-12 education revenue as a percentage of the state's economic activity (GDP).

Virginia makes a lower than average effort to fund its schools. Its fiscal capacity (GDP) is average.



#### EFFORT INDEX



#### PER CAPITA GDP



NEWS

# Coalition calls on Virginia lawmakers to fully fund public schools and increase teacher pay

by: [Jackie DeFusco](#)

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RICHMOND, Va. (WRIC)- A statewide coalition of parents, students, teachers and advocacy groups says Virginia is failing to adequately fund public schools.

Advocates representing more than 20 organizations laid out their priorities in a press conference on Tuesday –one of many events held on the eve of the 2023 legislative session.

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## Committees: Where the work happens!

- Coordinating Committee
- Administrative Subcommittee
- Basebuilding Subcommittee
- Communications Subcommittee
- Legislative Subcommittee

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