



STRONG SCHOOLS, STRONG COMMUNITY

2025 Staunton Citizen University
Dr. Eric Irizarry, Superintendent

OUR NORTH STAR



OUR VISION

SCS students will be upstanding citizens, innovative thinkers, and creative problem solvers who inspire others through their example.

OUR MISSION

We empower each student to excel by investing in an inclusive, innovative, and healthy learning community.

ABOUT SCS



**6 SCHOOLS
PK-12**



2,725 STUDENTS



615 EMPLOYEES



**\$48.4 MILLION
ANNUAL BUDGET**



**\$15,866 COST
PER PUPIL**



**90%
GRADUATION
RATE**



**2,200+
STUDENTS
TRANSPORTED
DAILY**

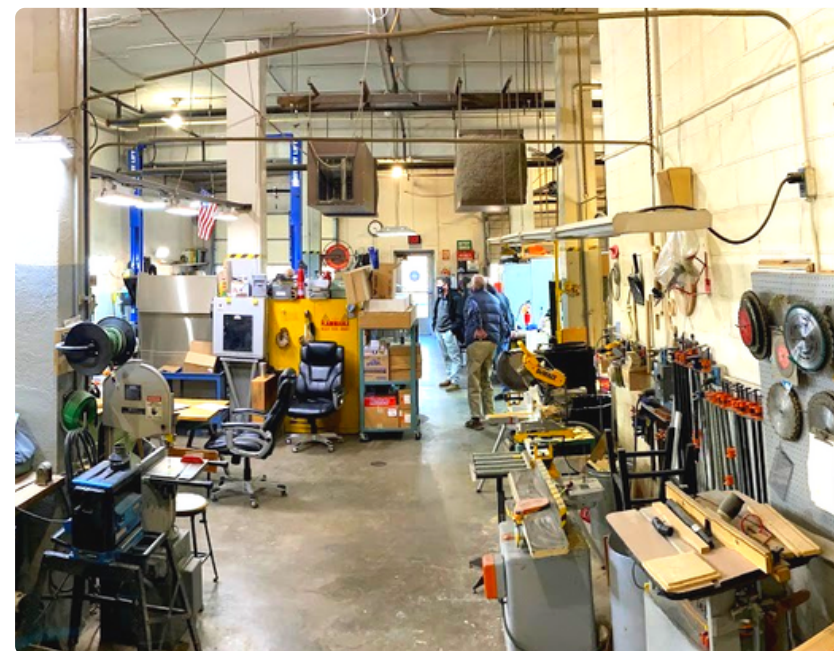


**19 LANGUAGES
OTHER THAN
ENGLISH SPOKEN**

A TRUE ENTERPRISE



- **Food Service** – Feeding students breakfast & lunch daily
- **Operations** – Skilled tradespeople: electricians, plumbers, carpenters, mechanics



- **Transportation** – 31 buses, 213,000 miles travelled annually, plus fleet of vehicles
- **Mental Health & Counseling** – School-based & partner network of support

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT



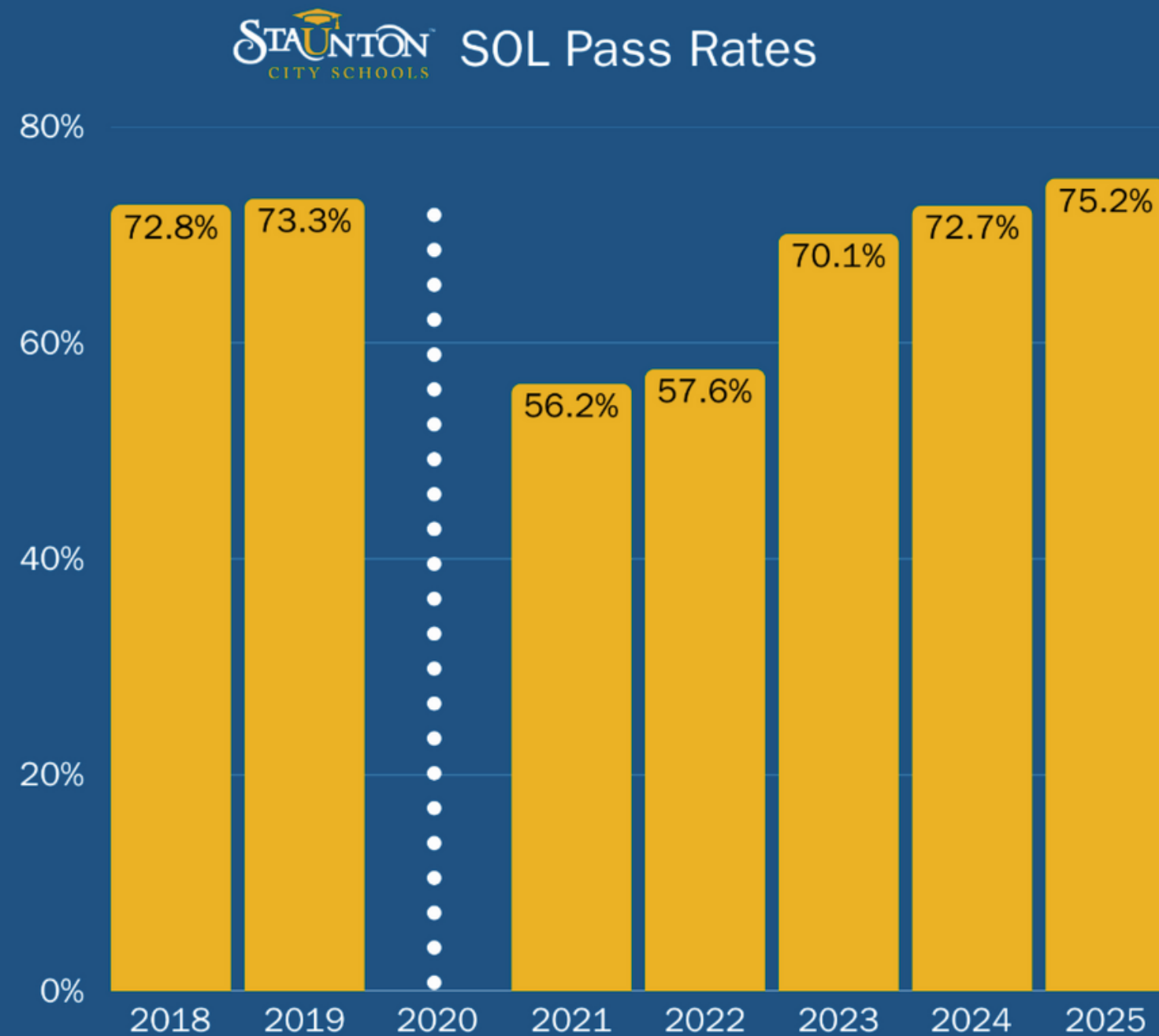
SOL TEST SCORES

RANK	YEAR
35TH	2025
▲ 43RD	2024
▲ 45TH	2023
▲ 55TH	2022
▲ 68TH	2021
▲ 100TH	2019
105TH	2018

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS RANKS AMONG THE TOP ONE-THIRD
OF SCHOOL DIVISIONS IN VIRGINIA FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

- Ranked 35th of 131 divisions statewide, top one-third in SOL test achievement
- 70-spot climb since 2018, **most improved in Virginia**
- Advanced 8 places just last year

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT



- Highest SOL pass rates to date in 2025
- SOL pass rates in **reading, math & science all increased** during the 2024–25 school year
- Continuous, steady growth since the pandemic



LOCAL IMPACT

Good Schools Drive Economic Development

- **Strong schools** fuel a **strong workforce** & vibrant economy
- Families & **businesses** choose communities with **strong schools**
- Investment in **education** = investment in Staunton's **future prosperity**
- SCS is a partner in the city's growth & worth every dollar invested

CHALLENGES WE FACE



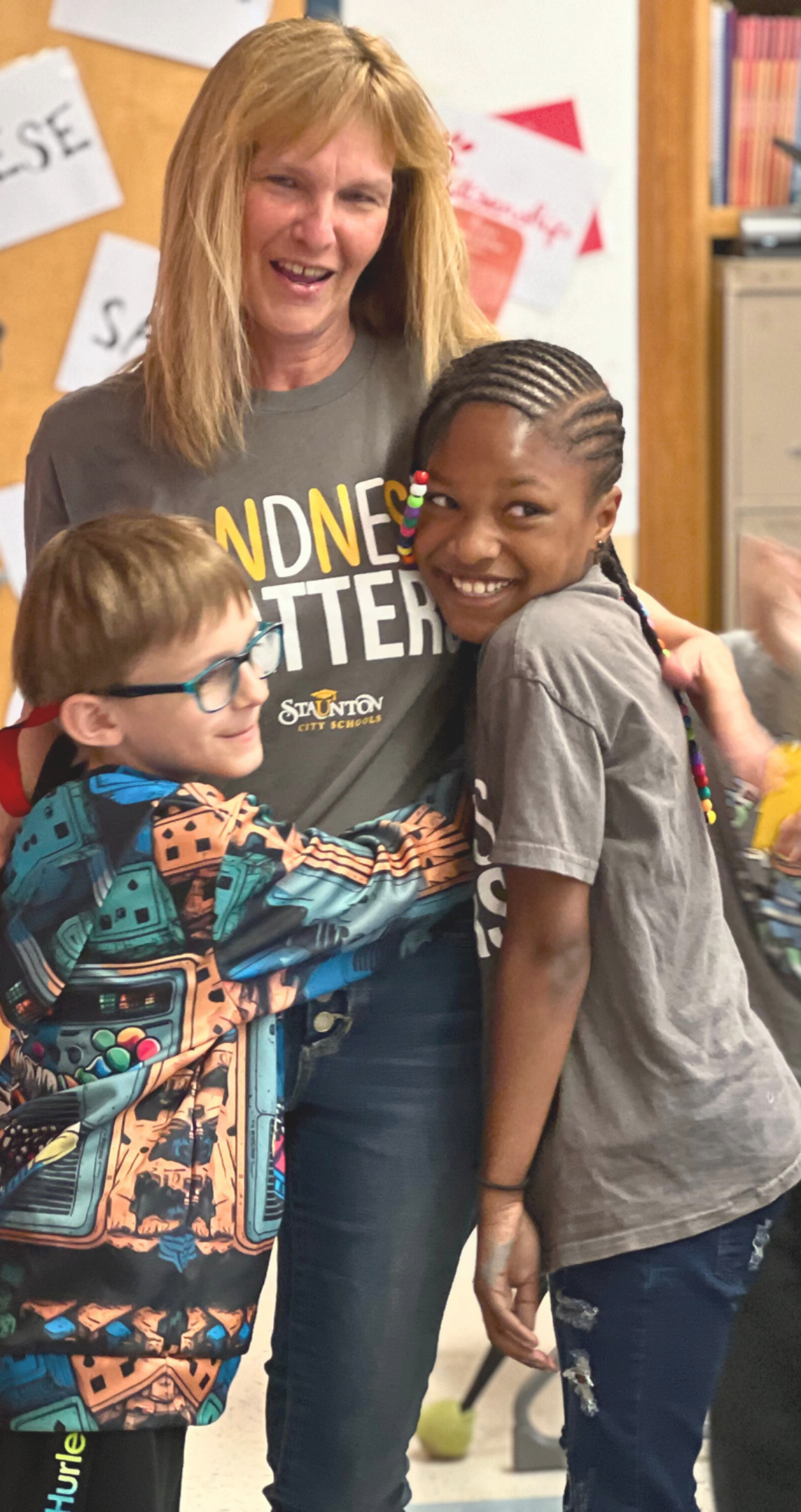
- **National teacher shortage** – ongoing, must stay competitive with salaries & benefits
 - **SCS innovation:** Post-pandemic childcare approach for SCS staff unique in Virginia!
- **Space constraints** – growing city developments, limited capacity across schools
- **Politicization of public education** – moving targets for performance measures poses a threat to student achievement, staff morale and retention

A CULTURE OF KINDNESS



Kindness Matters Campaign

- A cornerstone of SCS culture
- Fosters respect, empathy, inclusion & safety
- Improves student & staff morale
- **First Fridays:** Monthly recognition of **Kindness Ambassadors** in each school
- **Community challenge:** Businesses & nonprofits join the movement
- Expanding in 2025-26 with “**Be an Upstander**” lessons to prevent bullying
- **Kindness Fund** supports students, staff & the campaign



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS & STAFF!

- **Help us keep the momentum going:**
 - Advocate for public schools
 - Invest in our teachers & students
 - Join the Staunton Kindness Challenge
 - Donate to the Kindness Fund:
bit.ly/donate4kindness



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