

Affordable housing helps students succeed

The lack of affordable housing in our area places many families at risk for homelessness. According to the National Center for Homeless Education, there were more than 20,000 homeless students enrolled in county public schools during the 2016 – 2017 school year.



20,593

Number of homeless students in public schools in 2016-2017

7%
of girls

11%
of boys

Percentage of students less likely to graduate if they share a room with 2 or more people.

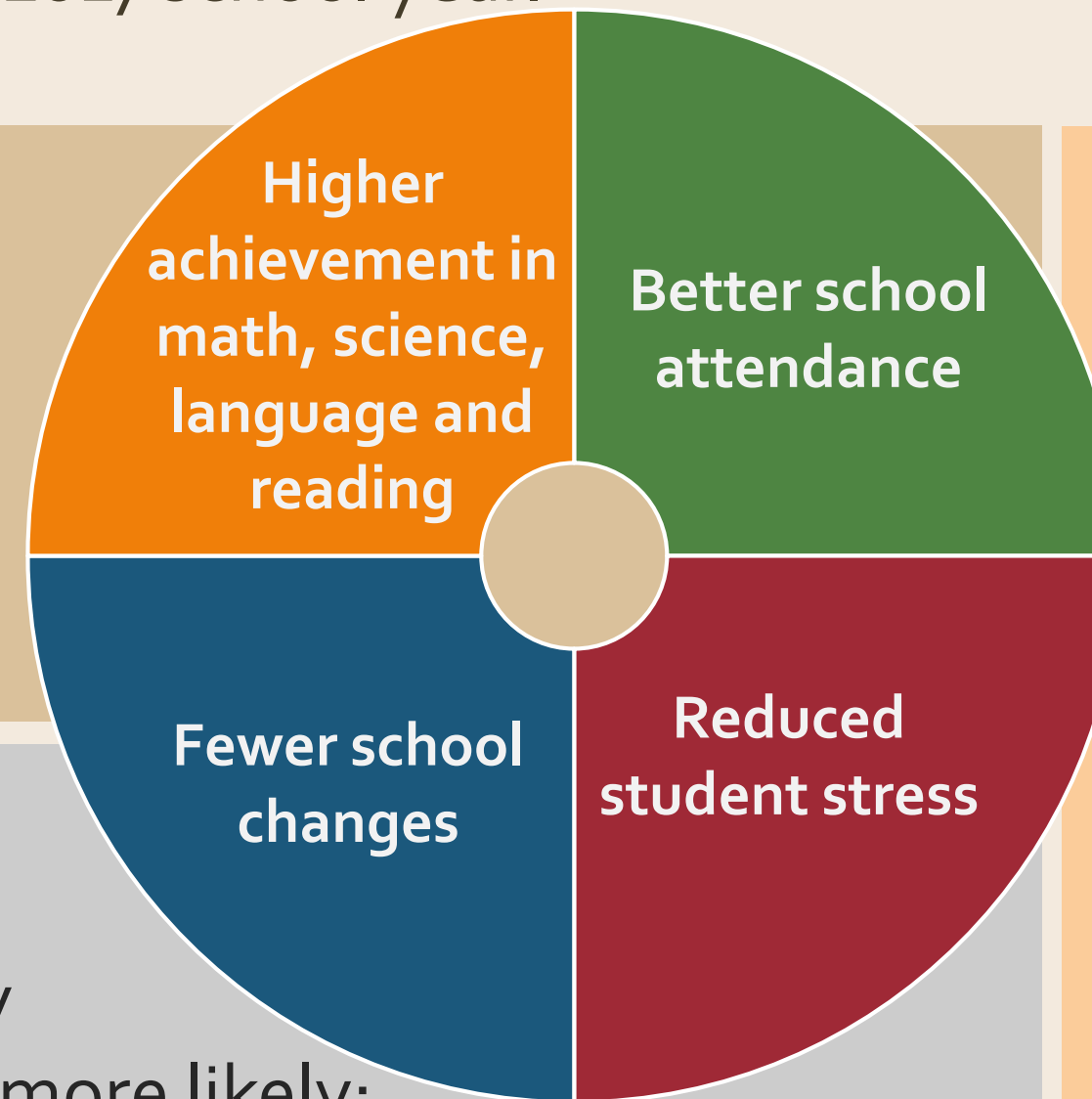
Source: Home Matters

Good quality affordable housing supports:

Students who attend good quality schools in socially and economically diverse communities are more likely:

- ✓ To achieve higher test scores and better grades
- ✓ To graduate from high school
- ✓ To attend and graduate from college

Source: Housing Virginia



Research* has shown that moving to a new home one or more times between the ages of 6—10 years leads to lower earnings, fewer work hours and less educational attainment later in life. Moving three or more times during childhood decreased future earnings more than 50%.



Children living in families behind on rent are

52%

more likely to be at risk for developmental delays.



*Ziol-Guest, K & A. Kalil (2014). *Frequent Moves in Childhood can Affect Later Earnings, Work and Education*, in *How Housing Matters*. McArthur Foundation.