**BEDFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

With 13 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 3 high schools, and two other specialty programs, enrollment in Bedford County schools has decreased. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

**Students from families that struggle financially face challenges that can make success in the classroom more difficult.**

- 11% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 36% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.
- 5% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 89% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

**Did you know ....**

- That a one-cent increase in Bedford’s property tax rate can raise about $800,000?
- That Bedford invested 62.2% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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**FUNDING**

As the state has cut education funding statewide, per student direct aid has fallen for Bedford County Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

The state government’s share of operations funding for Bedford County schools has fallen, while the local’s and federal government’s shares have risen.

**Total funding for operations**

*Operations include regular day school, school food services, summer adult, adult education, and other education, but not non-LEA, non-regular day school, debt service, or capital outlay. Pre-K is included in 2015, but not in 2009.

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