**BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
With 1 elementary school, 4 K-8 combined schools, 4 high schools, and a technical center, enrollment in Buchanan County schools has dropped. This profile shows key information and trends about the division's demographics and funding.

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**Enrollment has dropped.**

- **2009 to 2017:**
  - 2009: 3,266
  - 2017: 2,785
  - **Projected:**

**33 number of 4-year olds with state Virginia Pre-School Initiative funding in 2016-2017**

**11.06 pupil-teacher ratio in 2015**

**35% of 3rd graders did not pass SOL reading in 2015**

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

- **28%** of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- **69%** of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.
- **4%** of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- **93%** of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, above the statewide 91% rate.

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**FUNDING**

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

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

**Did you know ...?**

- ... that a one-cent increase in Buchanan’s property tax rate can raise about $239,000?
- ... that Buchanan invested 102.7% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

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**Total funding for operations**

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<td>2009</td>
<td>24.7%</td>
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<td>42.7%</td>
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*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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Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau

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