With 6 elementary/primary schools, 3 middle schools, 3 high schools, and a career and technical education center, enrollment in Wise County schools has dropped. 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.

27% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.

57% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016.

6% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.

92% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, above the statewide 91% rate.

Between 2009 and 2017, state direct aid per student has fallen sharply (FY16 dollars)

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

Did you know....

... that a one-cent increase in Wise’s property tax rate can raise about $186,000?

... that Wise invested 68.7% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?