AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for Amherst County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment has dropped from 4,523 students in 2009 to 3,896 projected students in 2018.

- 72 four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2017-2018.
- 2.7% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016.

- 19% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide
- 50% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide
- 1% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide

Amherst filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

FUNDING

State direct aid, per student, has fallen sharply for Amherst County Public Schools after adjusting for inflation.

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Amherst has taken on a larger share of funding.

STAFFING

Relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009, there are more staff in Amherst County Public Schools. This includes:

- 33 More teachers and instructors
- 3 More principals and assistant principals
- 1 More guidance counselors and librarians
- 9 More teacher aides
- + 13 More support staff

59 More staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009.

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Amherst's property tax rate can raise about $232,400?
- that Amherst invested 86.6% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
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