BEDFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS
Enrollment has decreased from 9,815 students in 2009 to 9,321 projected students in 2018.

- 11% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.
- 35% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide.
- 2% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide.
- Bedford filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

93 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2017-2018.

4.9% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016.

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

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

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.

2008-2009
$108.6 million (FY17 dollars)
32.1% Local Share
61.6% State Share
6.4% Federal Share

2015-2016
$99.5 million (FY17 dollars)
36.9% Local Share
55.4% State Share
7.7% Federal Share

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

- 40 More teachers and instructors
- 0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 1 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 32 More teacher aides
- 81 More support staff

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

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Bedford's property tax rate can raise about $821,400?

...that Bedford invested 103.5% 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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