BLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has dropped from 930 students in 2009

-21% to 732 projected students in 2018

9.2% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016

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

-17.9%

15% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide

43% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide

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

STAFFING

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

- More teachers and instructors
- Fewer principals and assistant principals
- Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- Fewer teacher aides
- More support staff

9 More staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009

FUNDING

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

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Bland 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 $10.0 million (FY17 dollars)
12% Local Share
79% State Share
0.9% Federal Share

2015-2016 $8.70 million (FY17 dollars)
36% Local Share
54.9% State Share
9.1% Federal Share

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Bland's property tax rate can raise about $43,900?

...that Bland invested 74.1% 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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