BOTETOURT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has decreased from 4,864 students in 2009 to 4,435 projected students in 2018.

- 8% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide
- 24% 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
- Botetourt filled 51% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative

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

2.1% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016

FUNDING

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

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

STAFFING

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

- 1 More teachers and instructors
- 1 More principals and assistant principals
- 0 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 14 Fewer teacher aides
- 9 More support staff
- 3 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Botetourt’s property tax rate can raise about $330,700?
- that Botetourt invested 135.7% 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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