BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has dropped from 3,266 students in 2009 to 2,722 projected students in 2018.

- 30% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.
- 69% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide.
- Buchanan filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

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

6.8% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016.

FUNDING

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

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Buchanan 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.

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STAFFING

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

- 44 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 2 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 6 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 2 Fewer teacher aides
- 16 More support staff

- 38 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009.

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Buchanan’s property tax rate can raise about $250,200?

...that Buchanan invested 50.5% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2018?

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