GALAX CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

- Enrollment has decreased from 1,300 students in 2009 to 1,248 projected students in 2018
  - 4%
  - 8.2% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016
- 36% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide
- 62% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide
- 17% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide
- Galax filled 56% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative

FUNDING

- State direct aid, per student, has fallen for Galax City Public Schools after adjusting for inflation.
  - 2.9%
- The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009.
  - Galax has taken on a larger share of funding.

STAFFING

- Relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009, there are fewer staff in Galax City Public Schools. This includes:
  - 12 fewer teachers and instructors
  - 0 fewer principals and assistant principals
  - 1 fewer guidance counselors and librarians
  - 1 fewer teacher aides
  - 3 more support staff
- 11 fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009

Did you know ....

- That a one-cent increase in Galax’s property tax rate can raise about $45,800?
- That Galax invested 44.0% 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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