NELSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for Nelson County Public Schools.

STUDENTS
Enrollment has decreased from 1,908 students in 2009 to 1,804 projected students in 2018.

- 32 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2017-2018.
- 4.9% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016.
- 21% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.
- 50% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide.
- 3% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide.
- Nelson filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

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

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

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

- 22 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 4 More guidance counselors and librarians
- 1 More teacher aides
- 13 Fewer support staff

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

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:
- $25.4 million (FY17 dollars)
- 52.1% Local Share
- 39.9% State Share
- 8% Federal Share

2015-2016:
- $25.2 million (FY17 dollars)
- 58.9% Local Share
- 34.3% State Share
- 6.8% Federal Share

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Nelson's property tax rate can raise about $246,500?

...that Nelson invested 96.0% 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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