ROANOKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has decreased from 14,650 students in 2009 to 13,721 projected students in 2018.

- 8% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide
- 26% 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
- Roanoke filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative

STAFFING

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

- 55 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 4 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 9 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 28 More teacher aides
- 92 Fewer support staff
- 132 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009

FUNDING

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

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

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Roanoke's property tax rate can raise about $797,300?
- that Roanoke invested 94.6% 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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