STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment has increased from 26,350 students in 2009 to 28,551 projected students in 2018.

- 6% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.
- 29% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017 compared to 42% statewide.
- 7% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide.
- Stafford filled 26% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

4.1% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016.

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

FUNDING

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

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

STAFFING

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

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<td>Fewer teachers and instructors</td>
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<td>Fewer principals and assistant principals</td>
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<td>Fewer guidance counselors and librarians</td>
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212 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009.

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Stafford's property tax rate can raise about $1,469,900?
- that Stafford invested 100.5% 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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