WESTMORELAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS
Enrollment has decreased from 1,715 students in 2009 to 1,616 projected students in 2018.

- 68 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2017-2018.
- 5% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016.

- 28% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide.
- 70% 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.
- Westmoreland filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

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

0 Fewer teachers and instructors
1 More principals and assistant principals
0 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
9 More teacher aides
+10 More support staff

20 More staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009.

FUNDING

State direct aid, per student, has risen for Westmoreland County Public Schools after adjusting for inflation.

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Westmoreland’s share has decreased.

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
$20.3 million (FY17 dollars)
41% Local Share
47.5% State Share
11.5% Federal Share

2015-2016
$19.0 million (FY17 dollars)
36.8% Local Share
52.8% State Share
10.4% Federal Share

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Westmoreland’s property tax rate can raise about $254,900?

...that Westmoreland invested 12.1% 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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