WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

- Enrollment has dropped from 6,524 students in 2009 to 5,501 projected students in 2018
- 160 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2017-2018.
- 4.9% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2015-2016

- 28% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide
- 60% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 42% statewide
- 1% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide
- Wise filled 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative

FUNDING

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

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

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*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.

STAFFING

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

- Fewer teachers and instructors 34
- Fewer principals and assistant principals 5
- Fewer guidance counselors and librarians 5
- Fewer teacher aides 38
- Fewer support staff 4

- Overall: Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009 86

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Wise’s property tax rate can raise about $185,200?

- that Wise invested 21.3% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016?