AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

-17%

Amherst had 4,523 students in 2008-2009.

Amherst is projected to have 3,751 students in 2018-2019.

- 18% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide.
- 52% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide.
- 1% of all students were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide.
- 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018.

STAFFING

Overall, the number of staff per student has increased for Amherst from 2008-2009 to 2016-2017. There are now:

- 23 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 1 More principals and assistant principals
- 3 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 2 Fewer teacher aides
- 9 Fewer support staff

35 Fewer staff

639 Fewer students

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen for Amherst County Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

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

Did you know…

...that a one-cent increase in Amherst’s property tax rate can raise about $233,000?

...that Amherst invested 75.4% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016-2017?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
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