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

**STUDENTS**

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

Galax had 1,300 students in 2008-2009.

Galax is projected to have 1,193 students in 2018-2019.

- 32% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide
- 65% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide
- 18% of all student were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide
- 56% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018

**STAFFING**

Overall staffing levels for Galax have decreased compared to enrollment from 2008-2009 to 2016-2017. There are now:

- 5 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 1 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 2 Fewer teacher aides
- 4 More support staff

4 Fewer staff
11 More students

**FUNDING**

State direct aid has fallen for Galax City Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

The local, state, and federal shares of school operations funding has shifted since 2008-2009. Galax's share has remained steady.

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.

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Did you know....

...that a one-cent increase in Galax's property tax rate can raise about $44,300?

...that Galax invested 40.2% 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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