NELSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

- 19% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide.
- 54% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide.
- 3% 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.

Nelson had 1,908 students in 2008-2009.

Nelson is projected to have 1,780 students in 2018-2019.

STAFFING

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

- Fewer teachers and instructors
- More principals and assistant principals
- More school counselors and librarians
- Fewer teacher aides
- Fewer support staff

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- 30 Fewer staff
- 48 Fewer students

FUNDING

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

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

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.

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Nelson's property tax rate can raise about $246,300?

...that Nelson invested 102.1% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016-2017?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau

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