POWHATAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

-3%

Powhatan had 4,384 students in 2008-2009.
Powhatan is projected to have 4,247 students in 2018-2019.

- 7% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide
- 20% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide
- 1% of all student were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide
- 82% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018

35 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2018-2019
3.5% of the class of 2017 dropped out

STAFFING

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

- 47 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 2 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 12 Fewer teacher aides
- 60 Fewer support staff

122 Fewer staff
191 Fewer students

FUNDING

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

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
$51.9 million
(FY18 dollars)
47.1% Local Share
48.9% State Share
4.0% Federal Share

2016-2017
$46.5 million
(FY18 dollars)
49.4% Local Share
47.1% State Share
3.5% Federal Share

Did you know....

...that a one-cent increase in Powhatan's property tax rate can raise about $328,000?

...that Powhatan invested 100.2% 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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