SMYTH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

-14%

Smyth is projected to have 4,174 students in 2018-2019.

- 22% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide.
- 58% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% 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 staffing levels for Smyth have decreased compared to enrollment from 2008-2009 to 2016-2017. There are now:

- 78 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 4 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 1 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 13 Fewer teacher aides
- 51 Fewer support staff

146 Fewer staff
544 Fewer students

FUNDING

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

The local, state, and federal shares of school operations funding has shifted since 2008-2009. Smyth 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.

2008-2009

- $55.1 million (FY18 dollars)
- 17.8% Local Share
- 71.9% State Share
- 10.4% Federal Share

2016-2017

- $47.1 million (FY18 dollars)
- 20.8% Local Share
- 67.8% State Share
- 11.5% Federal Share

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Smyth's property tax rate can raise about $140,100?

...that Smyth invested 25.5% 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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