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

**STUDENTS**

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

- 10% increase

Stafford had 26,350 students in 2008-2009. Stafford is projected to have 28,934 students in 2018-2019.

- 6% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide.
- 31% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide.
- 8% of all students were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide.
- 33% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018.

**STAFFING**

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

- 34 More teachers and instructors
- 1 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 5 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 109 Fewer support staff
- 78 Fewer staff
- 1,531 More students

**FUNDING**

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

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

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<td>2008-2009</td>
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Did you know ....

- That a one-cent increase in Stafford's property tax rate can raise about $1,585,700?
- That Stafford invested 106.8% 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, September 2018