SUSSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

-16%

Sussex had 1,195 students in 2008-2009.

Sussex is projected to have 1,007 students in 2018-2019.

- 29% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide.
- 82% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide.
- 1% of all student were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide.

STAFFING

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

19 Fewer teachers and instructors
1 Fewer principals and assistant principals
3 Fewer school counselors and librarians
6 More teacher aides
14 Fewer support staff
31 Fewer staff
103 Fewer students

23 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2018-2019

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Sussex's property tax rate can raise about $85,000?

...that Sussex invested 154.1% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016-2017?

FUNDING

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

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

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
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