AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This profile shows the most recent data available going into the 2019-2020 school year and highlights demographics, staffing, and funding for Amherst County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down.

- Amherst had 4,523 students in 2008-2009.
- Amherst is projected to have 3,856 students in 2019-2020.

- 17% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 54% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2018-2019 compared to 45% statewide.
- 1% of all students were English learners in 2018-2019 compared to 8% statewide.
- 14% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

STAFFING

Overall, staffing levels for Amherst have increased compared to enrollment since 2008-2009.

In 2017-2018, there were:

24 Fewer teachers and instructors
11 Fewer support staff
2 Fewer school counselors and librarians
2 Fewer teacher aides
1 More principals and assistant principals
37 Fewer staff compared to 729 Fewer students

May not sum due to rounding

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

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen per student for Amherst County Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

Compared to 2008-2009, the state's share of total funding has decreased.

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Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Amherst's property tax rate can raise about $233,800?
- 4% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Amherst went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 3 eligible kids missed out on preschool?
- that, in 2017-2018, Amherst invested 76.8% above what is required by localities in the state’s primary funding formula?

*Operations does not include debt service, capital outlay, and expenses for programs that are not locality specific. Pre-K is included in 2017-2018, but not in 2008-2009.

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