BEDFORD 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 Bedford County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down.

Bedford had 9,815 students in 2008-2009.

Bedford is projected to have 9,333 students in 2019-2020.

- 11% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 37% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide.
- 1% of all students were English learners in 2018-2019 compared to 8% statewide.
- 11% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

STAFFING

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

In 2017-2018, there were

- 67 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 54 More support staff
- 9 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 27 More teacher aides
- 3 Fewer principals and assistant principals

May not sum due to rounding

- 1 More staff compared to
- 1,222 Fewer students

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

FUNDING

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

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

Total funding for operations*

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*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.

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Bedford’s property tax rate can raise about $840,700?

...0% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Bedford went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 0 eligible kids missed out on preschool?

...that, in 2017-2018, Bedford invested 102.4% above what is required by localities in the state’s primary funding formula?

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