BLAND 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 Bland County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down.

- Bland had 930 students in 2008-2009.
- Bland is projected to have 693 students in 2019-2020.

- 15% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 46% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2018-2019 compared to 45% statewide.
- 15% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

STAFFING

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

In 2017-2018, there were:
- 9 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 12 Fewer support staff
- 3 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 0 More teacher aides
- 2 Fewer principals and assistant principals

26 Fewer staff compared to
201 Fewer students

FUNDING

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

Compared to 2008-2009, the state’s share of total funding has fallen sharply

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Did you know ....

- ...that a one-cent increase in Bland’s property tax rate can raise about $44,500?
- ...0% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Bland went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 0 eligible kids missed out on preschool?
- ... that, in 2017-2018, Bland invested 61.9% above what is required by localities in the state’s primary funding formula?

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

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