ROANOKE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be up.

Roanoke City had 12,282 students in 2008-2009.

Roanoke City is projected to have 12,918 students in 2019-2020.

- 29% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 73% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide.
- 9% of all students were English learners in 2018-2019 compared to 8% statewide.
- 16% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

STAFFING

Overall, staffing levels for Roanoke City have decreased compared to enrollment since 2008-2009.

In 2017-2018, there were:

- 84 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 290 Fewer support staff
- 13 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 186 More teacher aides
- 3 More principals and assistant principals

197 Fewer staff compared to 429 More students

May not sum due to rounding

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen per student for Roanoke City 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 Roanoke City's property tax rate can raise about $710,000?
- ...3% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Roanoke City went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 11 eligible kids missed out on preschool?
- ... that, in 2017-2018, Roanoke City invested 120.7% 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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