**ROANOKE 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 Roanoke County Public Schools.

**STUDENTS**

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down.

- Roanoke had 14,650 students in 2008-2009.
- Roanoke County is projected to have 13,591 students in 2019-2020.

- 8% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 30% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2018-2019 compared to 45% statewide.
- 2% 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 have decreased compared to enrollment since 2008-2009.

- 73 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 127 Fewer support staff
- 14 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 27 More teacher aides
- 8 Fewer principals and assistant principals

In 2017-2018, there were 194 fewer staff compared to 752 fewer students.

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

**FUNDING**

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

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

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<td>2008-09</td>
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<td>2017-18</td>
<td>$156.5 million (FY19 dollars)</td>
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**Did you know ....**

- ...that a one-cent increase in Roanoke’s property tax rate can raise about $825,400?
- ...0% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Roanoke went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 0 eligible kids missed out on preschool?
- ...that, in 2017-2018, Roanoke invested 100.8% 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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