RUSSELL 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 Russell County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down.

Russell had 4,091 students in 2008-2009.

Russell is projected to have 3,453 students in 2019-2020.

- 23% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 57% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide.
- 14% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

FUNDING

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

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

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<th>Total funding (FY19 dollars)</th>
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<td>2008-2009</td>
<td>$49.8 million</td>
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<td>$42.3 million</td>
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Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Russell’s property tax rate can raise about $142,500?
- 6% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Russell went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 7 eligible kids missed out on preschool?
- that, in 2017-2018, Russell invested 43.3% above what is required by localities in the state’s primary funding formula?

STAFFING

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

In 2017-2018, there were

- 22 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 17 Fewer support staff
- 1 More school counselors and librarians
- 15 Fewer teacher aides
- 3 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 56 Fewer staff compared to
- 518 Fewer students

May not sum due to rounding

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