SMYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down.


Smyth is projected to have 4,055 students in 2019-2020.

- 21% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 58% 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.
- 14% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

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

STAFFING

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

In 2017-2018, there were

- 88 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 53 Fewer support staff
- 1 Fewer school counselor or librarian
- 10 Fewer teacher aides
- 3 Fewer principals and assistant principals

154 Fewer staff compared to 671 Fewer students

May not sum due to rounding

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen sharply per student for Smyth County 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 Smyth's property tax rate can raise about $140,500?

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

... that, in 2017-2018, Smyth invested 38.6% 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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