STAFFORD 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 Stafford County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be up.

Stafford had 26,350 students in 2008-2009.

Stafford is projected to have 29,237 students in 2019-2020.

- 5% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 31% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2018-2019 compared to 45% statewide.
- 6% of all students were English learners in 2018-2019 compared to 8% statewide.
- 12% of all students had a disability eligible to receive IDEA services in 2018-2019 compared to 13% statewide.

STAFFING

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

In 2017-2018, there were

171 More teachers and instructors
44 Fewer support staff
2 More school counselors and librarians
66 More teacher aides
2 Fewer principals and assistant principals

193 More staff compared to 1,999 More students

May not sum due to rounding

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

FUNDING

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

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

Total funding for operations*

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Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Stafford's property tax rate can raise about $1,617,700?

...70% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Stafford went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 181 eligible kids missed out on preschool?

... that, in 2017-2018, Stafford invested 78.2% 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.

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