WISE 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 Wise County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009 is projected to be down. Wise had 6,524 students in 2008-2009. Wise is projected to have 5,370 students in 2019-2020.

- 27% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2017 compared to 13% statewide.
- 60% of all students were provided free or reduced-price lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 41% statewide.
- 0% 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.

STAFFING

Overall, staffing levels for Wise have increased compared to enrollment since 2008-2009. In 2017-2018, there were fewer staff compared to 1,056 fewer students.

85 Fewer teachers and instructors
40 Fewer support staff
8 Fewer school counselors and librarians
15 Fewer teacher aides
8 Fewer principals and assistant principals

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

FUNDING

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

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

Did you know ....

- That a one-cent increase in Wise’s property tax rate can raise about $187,600?
- 0% of Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding in Wise went unfilled in 2018-2019, which means 0 eligible kids missed out on preschool?
- That in 2017-2018, Wise invested 19.5% above what is required by localities in the state’s primary funding formula?