

# Scott County Public Schools

## Demographics

Scott County is located in the southwestern part of the state. The county adjoins Tennessee to the south and is separated from Kentucky on the northwest by Lee and Wise Counties. Gate City, the county seat, is 290 air miles southwest of Richmond and 350 air-miles west of Norfolk. The roughly triangular outline of the boundaries is formed by a somewhat winding mountain ridge on the northwest and by straight lines on the south and east. The greatest distance across the county from east to west is about 38 miles and from north to south about 21 miles. The county comprises an area of 538 square miles, or 344,320 acres.

Scott County Schools is comprised of 13 schools with career and technical and alternative education program. The student enrollment for 2011-12 school year is 3666 students. The Free and Reduced percentage for Scott County Schools is 54.8 percent. The Composite Index determines a school division's ability to pay education costs fundamental to the commonwealth's Standards of Quality (SOQ). The Composite Index is calculated using three indicators of a locality's ability-to-pay:

- True value of real property (weighted 50 percent)
- Adjusted gross income (weighted 40 percent)
- Taxable retail sales (weighted 10 percent)

Each locality's index is adjusted to maintain an overall statewide local share of 45 percent and an overall state share of 55 percent. Scott County School's composite index for public education is .1821. This rating makes Scott County one of the most economically-disadvantaged school systems in the Commonwealth. The population for Scott County is 23,177. The ethnic breakdown of the county is as follows: 97.9 percent of the ethnic population is White, while Hispanic is the second-largest ethnic group. Hispanic, African American, Asian, and others represent the remaining 2.1 percent of the population's ethnic composition.

Scott County Schools employs approximately 340 teachers and administrators. Of that 340, over 35% have attained a degree higher than a bachelor's degree. In 2010-2011, over 98% of our teachers were deemed highly qualified based on Federal guidelines.

### Elementary and Intermediate Teacher to Student Ratio

Scott County Public Schools realizes the importance of manageable class sizes. We strive to have a low teacher-to-student ration in all our classes. This is most important in elementary and intermediate classrooms.

School	Teacher-to-Student Ratio
Duffield Primary	17:1
Dungannon Intermediate School	17.25:1
Fort Blackmore Primary	13.5:1
Hilton Elementary School	15.4:1
Nickelsville Elementary School	15.88:1
Rye Cove Intermediate School	20.89:1
Shoemaker Elementary School	18.67:1
Weber City Elementary School	18.56:1
Yuma Elementary School	18.27:1