

Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 46th in the country in state share of education costs. Pennsylvania also has the widest gap in the U.S. between the highest and lowest spending school districts.

What does this mean for the Altoona Area School District?

28%

Share of education costs covered by local taxpayers in the Altoona Area School District. Property tax burden rank 483.

-5%

School property tax changes since 2011 in the Altoona Area School District.

\$19M

The increase to Altoona Area School District if it were fully funded by the state.

Contact these elected officials

to let them know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

Senator

Sen. Judy Ward (R)

Representatives

Rep. Louis Schmitt (R)

Rep. Jim Gregory (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$10,846

Spending per student in Altoona Area School District

\$17,482

Spending per student in highest spending districts

459

Altoona Area School District rank in spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being highest)

Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

-\$563,276

Change in local funding for the district from property and other local taxes

+\$482,600

Change in state/federal funding

+17%

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

-4%

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+72%

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students
7,892

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading
60%

Math
30%

Child Poverty Rate

School District
26%

Statewide
18%

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