

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 Athens Area School District?

45%

Share of education costs covered by local taxpayers in the Athens Area School District. Property tax burden rank 141.

12%

School property tax increases since 2011 in the Athens Area School District.

\$2M

The increase to Athens 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. Gene Yaw (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$15,005

Spending per student in Athens Area School District

\$17,482

Spending per student in highest spending districts

169

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

Representatives

Rep. Clinton Owlett (R)

Rep. Tina Pickett (R)

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

+\$447,484

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

-\$101,260

Change in state/federal funding

+23%

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+1%

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+63%

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students
2,073

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading
48%

Math
43%

Child Poverty Rate

School District
18%

Statewide
18%

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