

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 West Chester Area School District?

82%

Share of education costs covered by local taxpayers in the West Chester Area School District. Property tax burden rank 416.

2%

School property tax increases since 2011 in the West Chester Area School District.

\$9M

The increase to West Chester 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:

#### Senators

Sen. Thomas Killion (R)

Sen. Andrew Dinniman (D)

### How much is spent to educate district students?

\$18,064

Spending per student in West Chester Area School District

\$17,482

Spending per student in highest spending districts

56

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

#### Representatives

Rep. Carolyn Comitta (D)

Rep. Christina Sappey (D)

Rep. Stephen Barrar (R)

Rep. Kristine Howard (D)

Rep. Christopher Quinn (R)

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

**+\$9,675,872**

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

**+\$5,909,364**

Change in state/federal funding

**+39%**

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

**+6%**

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

**+36%**

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

**Number of students**  
**12,434**

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading  
82%

Math  
57%

Child Poverty Rate

School District  
5%

Statewide  
18%

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