

## West Chester Area School District Factsheet 2023

Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 45<sup>th</sup> in the country in state share of education costs.

### What does this mean for the West Chester Area School District?

81% Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to West Chester Area.

Number of times West Chester Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.

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West Chester Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

Area if it were fully funded by the state.

The increase in state funding for West Chester

\$19.8M

How much is spent to educate district students?

**\$17,045** Current spending per student in West Chester Area.

West Chester Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

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Let your elected officials know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

These elected officials currently represent the communities this school district serves.

#### **Senators**

Sen. John Kane (D) Sen. Carolyn Comitta (D)

### Representatives

Rep. Wendell Williams (R) Rep. Kristine Howard (D) Rep. Christoper Pielli (D)



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Number of students

12,583

Performance: Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd

Math: 7th

**Child Poverty Rate** 

School District

5%

Statewide

17%

HERE IS WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR THE DISTRICT SINCE 2011 WHEN THE STATE DRAMATICALLY REDUCED EDUCATION FUNDING:

+ \$30,848,548 + 23%

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ \$1,073,461 + 8%

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 34%

+ \$9,997,659

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 5%

+\$257,656

Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

+ 11%

+ \$799,415

Change in payments to charter schools