



Southern Lehigh School District Factsheet 2023

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

What does this mean for the Southern Lehigh School District?

77%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Southern Lehigh.

Number of times Southern Lehigh has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.

8

113

Southern Lehigh rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

The increase in state funding to Southern Lehigh since 2011.

\$3.1M

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. Jarret Coleman (R)

Representatives

Rep. Milou Mackenzie (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$19,015

Current spending per student in Southern Lehigh.

Southern Lehigh rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

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Number of
students

3,258

Performance:
Students on
Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

72%

Math:
7th

53%

Child Poverty Rate

School
District

16%

Statewide

17%

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

+ \$12,224,447
+ 34%

Increase in instructional costs for
the district

+ \$436,732
+ 7%

Change in state funding to cover
instructional costs

+ 50%
+ \$2,931,661.60

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 7%
+\$84,893

Change in state revenue dedicated to special
education

+ 174%
+ \$2,077,326

Change in payments to charter schools