



Highlands

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 Highlands School District?

44%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Highlands.

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

4

291

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

The increase in state funding for Highlands if it were fully funded by the state.

\$5.7M

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. Lindsey Williams (D)

Representatives

Rep. Mandy Steele (D)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$17,502

Current spending per student in Highlands.

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

214

Number of
students

2,356

Performance:
Students on
Grade Level

Reading:
3rd
46%

Math:
7th
19%

Child Poverty Rate

School
District
23%

Statewide
17%

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

+ \$4,923,965
+ 21%

Increase in instructional costs for
the district

+ \$1,093,280
+ 8%

Change in state funding to cover
instructional costs

+ 25%
+ \$1,560,683

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 27%
+\$485,117

Change in state revenue dedicated to special
education

+ 232%
+ \$1,702,159

Change in payments to charter schools