

Freedom Area 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 Freedom Area School District?

44% Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Freedom Area.

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

10

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

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

\$3.6M

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$16,940 Current spending per student in Freedom Area.

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

265

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. Elder Vogel (R)

Representatives

Rep. Robert Matzie (D) Rep. James Marshall (R)



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Number of students

1,343

Performance: Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd 65%

Math: 7th **25%**

Child Poverty Rate

School District

19%

Statewide

17%

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

+ \$4,034,518 + 32%

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ \$236,721 + 2.5%

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+83%

+ \$1,849,625

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 19%

Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

+\$187,055

+ 125%

+ \$651,939

Change in payments to charter schools