

Reading 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 Reading School District?

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Reading.

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

4

275

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

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

\$194.5M

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$13,624 Current spending per student in Reading.

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

480

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. Judith Schwank (D)

Representatives

Rep. Johanny Cepeda-Freyitz (D)

Rep. Manuel Guzman (D)

Rep. Mark Rozzi (D)



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Number of students

18,637

Performance: Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd **20%** Math: 7th **2%** Child Poverty Rate

School District

44%

Statewide

17%

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

+ \$16,425,476 + 12%

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ \$20,977,546 + 13%

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 64%

+ \$20,847,886

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 62%

+\$5,759,779

Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

+ 108%

+ \$5,529,534

Change in payments to charter schools