



Altoona Area

School District Factsheet

Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 44th in the country in state share of education costs. Pennsylvania also has the widest gap in the U.S. between the highest and lowest spending school districts.

What does this mean for the Altoona Area School District?

30%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Altoona Area.

1

The number of times Altoona Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

482

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

\$19M

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

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$12,854

Current spending per student in Altoona Area.

467

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

Contact these elected officials

to let them know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

Senator

Sen. Judy Ward (R)

Representatives

Rep. Louis Schmitt (R)

Rep. Jim Gregory (R)



Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

+\$15,685,757
(31%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

-\$145,061
(0%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+31%

+\$4,506,995

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+7%

+\$365,808

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+141%

+\$1,508,275

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

7,841

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

57%

Math:
7th

36%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

26%

Statewide

18%

To view sources of this information please visit www.paschoolswork.org/data