



Portage 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 Portage Area School District?

21%

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

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

5

498

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

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

\$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. Wayne Langerholc (R)

Representatives

Rep. James Rigby (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$15,373

Current spending per student in Portage Area.

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

395



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Number of
students

834

Performance:
Students on
Grade Level

Reading:
3rd
77%

Math:
7th
50%

Child Poverty Rate

School
District
12%

Statewide
17%

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

+ \$784,564
+ 10%

Increase in instructional costs for
the district

+ \$15,365
+ 0%

Change in state funding to cover
instructional costs

+ 61%
+ \$532,632

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 13%
+\$77,466

Change in state revenue dedicated to special
education

+ 115%
+ \$181,914

Change in payments to charter schools