



Palmerton 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 Palmerton Area School District?

58%

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

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

9

199

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

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

\$4.7M

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. Dave Argall (R)

Representatives

Rep. Doyle Heffley (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$17,931

Current spending per student in Palmerton Area.

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

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Number of
students

1,807

Performance:
Students on
Grade Level

Reading:
3rd
60%

Math:
7th
24%

Child Poverty Rate

School
District
11%

Statewide
17%

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

**+ \$4,407,532
+ 22%**

Increase in instructional costs for
the district

**+ \$290,954
+ 4%**

Change in state funding to cover
instructional costs

**+ 40%
+ \$1,648,753**

Change in expenditures for special education

**+ 31%
+\$324,081**

Change in state revenue dedicated to special
education

**+ 275%
+ \$1,549,761**

Change in payments to charter schools