



## Downingtown Area School District Factsheet 2023

*Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools.  
It ranks 45<sup>th</sup> in the country in state share of education costs.*

### What does this mean for the Downingtown Area School District?

**75%**

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

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

**4**

**201**

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

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

**\$17.5M**

**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. Katie Muth (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Comitta (D)

#### Representatives

Rep. Kristine Howard (D)  
Rep. Christina Sappey (D)  
Rep. Danielle Friel Otten (D)

### How much is spent to educate district students?

**\$16,039**

Current spending per student in Downingtown Area.

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

**339**



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Number of  
students

**13,544**

Performance:  
Students on  
Grade Level

Reading:  
3rd  
**73%**

Math:  
7th  
**50%**

Child Poverty Rate

School  
District  
**2%**

Statewide  
**17%**

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

**+ \$51,995,587**  
**+ 45%**

Increase in instructional costs for  
the district

**+ \$1,778,020**  
**+ 9%**

Change in state funding to cover  
instructional costs

**+ 66%**  
**+ \$14,489,881**

Change in expenditures for special education

**+ 21%**  
**+\$1,056,004**

Change in state revenue dedicated to special  
education

**+ 25%**  
**+ \$1,557,595**

Change in payments to charter schools