

West Chester 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 West Chester Area School District?

81% Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to West Chester Area.

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

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

Area if it were fully funded by the state.

The increase in state funding for West Chester

\$19.8M

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$17,045 Current spending per student in West Chester Area.

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

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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. John Kane (D) Sen. Carolyn Comitta (D)

Representatives

Rep. Wendell Williams (R) Rep. Kristine Howard (D) Rep. Christoper Pielli (D)



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Number of students

12,583

Performance: Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd

Math: 7th

Child Poverty Rate

School District

5%

Statewide

17%

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

+ \$30,848,548 + 23%

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ \$1,073,461 + 8%

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 34%

+ \$9,997,659

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 5%

+\$257,656

Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

+ 11%

+ \$799,415

Change in payments to charter schools