



## Benton 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 Benton Area School District?

**50%**

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

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

**11**

**183**

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

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

**\$0.3M**

**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. Lynda Schlegel Culver (R)

#### Representatives

Rep. Robert Leadbeter (R)

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

**\$19,386**

Current spending per student in Benton Area.

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

**112**

Number of  
students

**693**

Performance:  
Students on  
Grade Level

Reading:  
3rd

**61%**

Math:  
7th

**18%**

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:**

**+ \$3,035,678**  
**+ 48%**

Increase in instructional costs for  
the district

**+ \$223,854**  
**+ 6%**

Change in state funding to cover  
instructional costs

**+ 75%**  
**+ \$609,569**

Change in expenditures for special education

**+ 16%**  
**+\$68,434**

Change in state revenue dedicated to special  
education

**+ 19%**  
**+ \$39,151**

Change in payments to charter schools