



Benton Area

School District Factsheet

Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 44th in the country in state share of education costs. Pennsylvania also has the widest gap in the U.S. between the highest and lowest spending school districts.

What does this mean for the Benton Area School District?

51%

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

7

The number of times Benton Area has raised property taxes in the last 8 years.

174

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

\$2M

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

Contact these elected officials

to let them know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

Senator

Sen. John Gordner (R)

Representative

Rep. David Millard (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$16,266

Current spending per student in Benton Area.

174

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



Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding.

+\$1,684,571
(24%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+\$38,904
(1%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+109% Change in Expenditures for Special Education
+\$824,371

+8% Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education
+\$33,627

-34% Change in Payments to Charter Schools
\$74,344

Number of students
718

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd

75%

Math: 7th

31%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

18%

Statewide

18%

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