

Mercer 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 Mercer Area School District?

28% Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Mercer Area.

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

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

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

\$3.3M

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$17,203 Current spending per student in Mercer Area.

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

241

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. Michele Brooks (R)

Representatives

Rep. Timothy Bonner (R)



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Number of students

1,035

Performance: Students on Grade Level

Reading: 3rd 61%

Math: 7th 26% **Child Poverty Rate**

School District

17%

Statewide

17%

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

> + \$1,844,170 + 20%

Increase in instructional costs for the district

+ \$72,200 + 1%

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+ 48%

+ \$823,598

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 17%

Change in state revenue dedicated to special

+\$138,068

education

+ 142%

+ \$712,305

Change in payments to charter schools