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Mercer 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 Mercer Area School District?

45%

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

2

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

392

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

\$2M

The increase in state funding for Mercer 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. Michele Brooks (R)

Representatives

Rep. Tedd Nesbit (R)

Rep. Parke Wentling (R)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$14,456

Current spending per student in Mercer Area.

326

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





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

+\$1,517,938
(16%)

Increase in instructional costs for the district

-\$198,472
(-3%)

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

+48%

+\$872,605

Change in Expenditures for Special Education

+9%

+\$73,030

Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education

+29%

+\$149,987

Change in Payments to Charter Schools

Number of students

1,118

Performance - Students on Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

69%

Math:
7th

52%

Child Poverty Rate

School District

16%

Statewide

18%

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