



Lower Merion 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 Lower Merion School District?

85%

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Lower Merion.

Number of times Lower Merion has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.

12

41

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

The increase in state funding to Lower Merion since 2011.

\$16.7M

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. Amanda Cappelletti (D)

Representatives

Rep. Timothy Briggs (D)

Rep. Mary Jo Daley (D)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$29,035 Current spending per student in Lower Merion.

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

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Number of
students

8,676

Performance:
Students on
Grade Level

Reading:
3rd

61%

Math:
7th

59%

Child Poverty Rate

School
District

4%

Statewide

17%

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

+ \$62,165,286
+ 45%

Increase in instructional costs for
the district

+ \$1,229,214
+ 19%

Change in state funding to cover
instructional costs

+ 54%
+ \$17,365,232.52

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 9%
+\$271,264

Change in state revenue dedicated to special
education

+ 675%
+ \$2,453,513

Change in payments to charter schools