



# Bethlehem 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 Bethlehem Area School District?

71%

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

7

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

55

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

\$44M

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

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

\$15,245

Current spending per student in Bethlehem Area.

246

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

#### Contact these elected officials

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

#### Senators

Sen. Lisa Boscola (D)

Sen. Mario Scavello (R)

#### Representatives

Rep. Jeanne McNeill (D)

Rep. Steve Samuelson (D)

Rep. Robert Freeman (D)

Rep. Marcia Hahn (R)





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

**+\$55,580,331**  
**(41%)**

Increase in instructional costs for the district

**+\$771,595**  
**(2%)**

Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

**+68%**  
**+\$16,052,088**

**Change in Expenditures for Special Education**

**+14%**  
**+\$892,691**

**Change in State Revenue Dedicated to Special Education**

**+188%**  
**+\$17,705,935**

**Change in Payments to Charter Schools**

**Number of students**  
**15,871**

**Performance - Students on Grade Level**

Reading:  
3rd

**60%**

Math:  
7th

**30%**

**Child Poverty Rate**

School District

**16%**

Statewide

**18%**

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