



Bethlehem 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 Bethlehem Area School District?

70%

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

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

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

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

\$40.9M

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. Nicholas Miller (D)
Sen. Lisa Boscola (D)

Representatives

Rep. Joseph Emrick (R)
Rep. Robert Freeman (D)
Rep. Stephen Samuelson (D)
Rep. Jeanne Mcneil (D)

How much is spent to educate district students?

\$17,424 Current spending per student in Bethlehem Area.

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

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Number of
students

15,227

Performance:
Students on
Grade Level

Reading:
3rd
47%

Math:
7th
17%

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:

+ \$68,759,637
+ 50%

Increase in instructional costs for
the district

+ \$7,559,857
+ 19%

Change in state funding to cover
instructional costs

+ 90%
+ \$21,842,775

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 27%
+\$1,775,811

Change in state revenue dedicated to special
education

+ 196%
+ \$22,246,525

Change in payments to charter schools