



## South Western School District Factsheet 2023

*Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools.  
It ranks 45<sup>th</sup> in the country in state share of education costs.*

### What does this mean for the South Western School District?

**67%**

Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to South Western.

Number of times South Western has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.

**11**

**128**

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

The increase in state funding for South Western if it were fully funded by the state.

**\$6.3M**

**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. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R)

#### Representatives

Rep. Kate Klunk (R)

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

**\$15,663**

Current spending per student in South Western.

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

**365**

Number of  
students

4,477

Performance:  
Students on  
Grade Level

Reading:  
3rd  
**53%**

Math:  
7th  
**33%**

Child Poverty Rate

School  
District  
**9%**

Statewide  
**17%**

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

+ \$16,339,892  
+ 42%

Increase in instructional costs for  
the district

+ \$1,418,875  
+ 11%

Change in state funding to cover  
instructional costs

+ 84%  
+ \$5,198,636

Change in expenditures for special education

+ 23%  
+\$459,992

Change in state revenue dedicated to special  
education

+ 173%  
+ \$1,515,883

Change in payments to charter schools