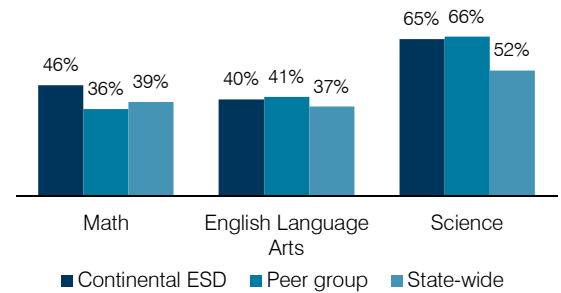




Rural district in Pima County  
Grades: Kindergarten through 8th  
Students attending: 511  
Number of schools: 1  
School letter grade: B

Students who passed State assessments



Total operational spending—\$4.7 million (\$9,218 per pupil)

Instructional—54.5% (\$5,025 per pupil)

Noninstructional—45.5% (\$4,193 per pupil)

Operational overview	Measure	Continental ESD	Peer average
<p><b>Administration—reasonably efficient but some weak controls</b></p> <p>The District spent 11 percent more per pupil on administration than its peer districts, on average. However, it had the largest enrollment in its peer group with almost 50 percent more students than its peer average. When compared to those peer districts with the most similar enrollment, its costs were similar. However, the District needs to strengthen some of its accounting and computer controls to reduce its risk of errors and fraud (see Finding 1, page 2).</p>	Spending per pupil	\$1,362	\$1,231
<p><b>Plant operations—reasonably efficient</b></p> <p>The District spent 10 percent less per pupil than its peer districts, on average. Because the current verified square footage for the District was unavailable as a result of untimely District reporting, we could not calculate certain other performance measures, such as spending per square foot or square footage per pupil. However, we observed that the District's building utilization and staffing levels appeared reasonably efficient.</p>	Spending per pupil	\$1,011	\$1,125
<p><b>Food service—efficient</b></p> <p>The District served a similar number of total meals as its peer districts and likewise spent a similar amount per meal as its peers. However, its spending per pupil was 36 percent less than its peers' because it served 36 percent fewer meals per pupil.</p>	Spending per meal	\$3.35	\$3.41
	Spending per pupil	\$351	\$549
<p><b>Transportation—efficient but more oversight needed</b></p> <p>The District spent less than its peer districts, on average, to operate its transportation program by efficiently staffing its program. However, the District did not ensure timely bus preventative maintenance or that bus drivers met certification requirements, resulting in potential safety risks (see Finding 2, page 5).</p>	Spending per mile	\$2.55	\$2.98
	Spending per rider	\$711	\$921