Fowler Elementary School District

District size:	Medium
Students attending:	2,580
Number of schools:	4
Number of certified teachers:	140

Classroom Dollars

Fiscal year 2003

Classroom $3,324 per pupil — 60.1%

Nonclassroom $2,208 per pupil — 39.9%
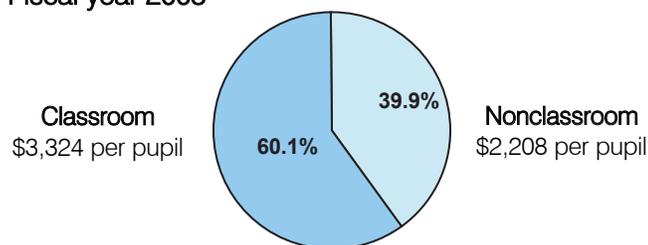
Classroom dollar ranking: 49 of 226 districts.

3-year comparison

	District			State	National
	56.9	56.4	60.1	57.7 58.2 58.6	61.5

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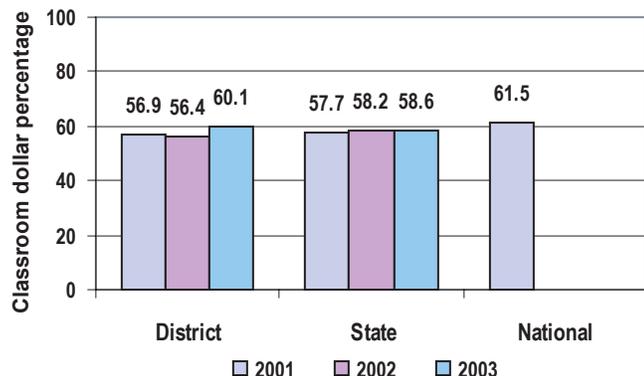
Expenditures by function

	Percentage				
	District			State	National
	2001	2002	2003	2003	2000
Classroom dollars	56.9	56.4	60.1	58.6	61.7
Nonclassroom dollars:					
Administration	14.3	14.6	11.8	9.9	10.9
Plant operations	9.9	9.4	8.7	11.7	9.6
Food service	7.5	7.3	7.1	4.6	4.0
Transportation	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.0
Student support	5.3	5.7	6.1	6.8	5.0
Instruction support	1.8	2.4	2.5	4.3	4.5
Other				0.2	0.3

Comparative Information

	District			State
	2001	2002	2003	2003
Student/teacher ratio	19.2	18.8	18.4	17.9
Average teacher salary	$33,613	$35,821	$37,963	$40,328
Average years' experience	7.8	7.6	7.2	8.7

Proposition 301

	2002 Expenditures	2003 Expenditures
Base	$ 70,026	$128,880
Performance	37,395	90,894
Menu	157,268	73,316
Total	$264,689	$293,090

District-reported 2003 results

Teacher pay
- On average, each teacher earned an additional $2,963 in salary, and each librarian, speech pathologist, audiologist, and counselor earned between $1,000 and $1,289 in additional salary.

Performance
- The District accomplished its goals, which were based on school performance.
- Goals called for increases in students' reading and math standardized test scores, and required teachers to conduct a hands-on technology project with students.
- Completed technology projects included activities such as developing PowerPoint presentations, using spreadsheet functions, and Internet research.
- Additionally, schools set goals, which included ensuring student attendance was at least 95 percent.

Menu
- Monies were used to pay for AIMS intervention activities, including new teacher orientation, after-school tutoring, and intersession classes.