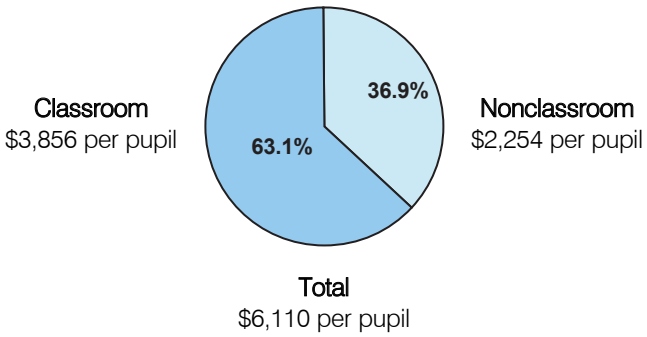
Mesa Unified School District

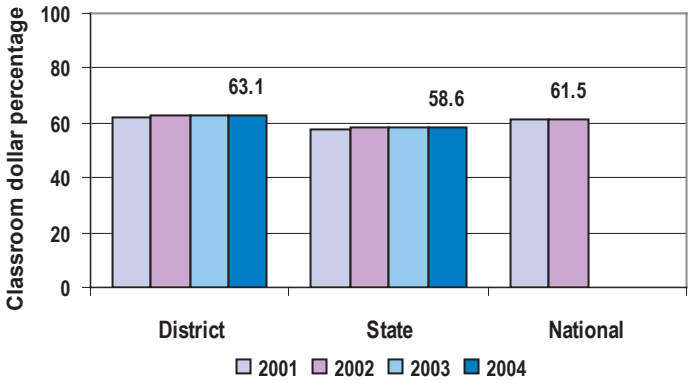
District size:	Very Large
Students attending:	69,731
Number of schools:	89
Number of certified teachers:	3,698

Classroom Dollars

Fiscal year 2004



4-year comparison



Expenditures by function

	Percentage					
	District				State	National
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2001
Classroom dollars	61.9	62.7	63.0	63.1	58.6	61.5
Nonclassroom dollars:						
Administration	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.2	9.5	10.9
Plant operations	10.8	10.4	10.2	10.7	11.7	9.7
Food service	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.0
Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1
Student support	5.9	6.0	6.2	5.9	7.0	5.0
Instruction support	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.3	4.6
Other	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2

Comparative Information

	District			State
	2002	2003	2004	2004
Student/teacher ratio	18.8	19.0	18.9	18.2
Average teacher salary	$46,750	$43,939	$44,113	$38,534
Average years' experience	10.6	10.7	10.8	8.7

Classroom dollar ranking: 19 of 227 districts.

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District-reported 2004 results

Teacher pay

- On average, each teacher, librarian, and counselor earned between $3,757 and $4,157 in additional salary.

Performance

- The District accomplished its goals, which were based on school performance.
- Each school set student achievement goals in reading, writing, and math. 76 schools accomplished all goals and 10 partially accomplished the goals.
- Other goals related to dropout and graduation rates.

Menu

- Monies were primarily used to increase teacher base and performance pay.
- For AIMS intervention, 72 percent of schools hired instructional aides and tutors, 4 schools held summer-school programs, and 22 schools purchased supplemental materials.
- For dropout prevention, 19 schools provided alternative learning centers, 27 provided tutoring, 1 sponsored a student decision-making program, and 3 provided summer or Saturday school programs.
- 57 percent of teachers participated in professional development activities.
- Additionally, the District continued to use monies for class size reduction.