

Apache Junction Unified School District

Pinal County

Peer groups: Operational 3 and T-3, Achievement 3¹

Legislative district(s): 8 and 16

District location: Suburb

Number of schools: 5

Graduation rate (2018): 85%

Students attending; Size: 3,318; Medium-large

5-year change in students attending: 25% decrease

Special education population: 17%

English learner population: 4%

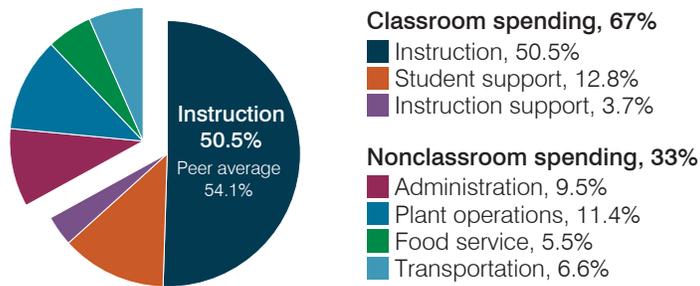
Poverty rate (2018): 18%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 60%

Instructional spending percentage by year

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
53.8	53.0	53.1	55.2	53.3	54.5	55.8	54.5	56.9	55.0	55.1	54.6	55.6	55.9	54.7	54.4	54.1	53.0	50.5

Spending by operational area



Operational measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$818	\$887	\$903
	Students per administrative position	62	68	66
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$5.61	\$5.90	\$6.49
	Square footage per student	175	159	158
Food service	Cost per meal	\$2.86	\$3.35	\$3.08
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$3.36	\$4.60	\$4.29
	Cost per rider	\$1,082	\$1,224	\$1,424



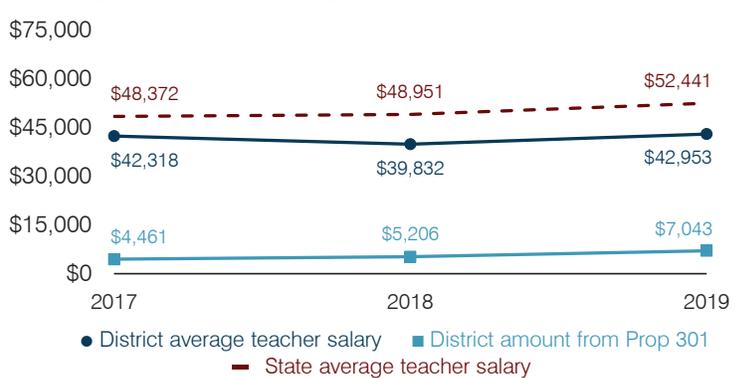
Per pupil spending

Spending by area	District		Peer average 2019	State average 2019
	2018	2019		
Instruction	\$ 4,166	\$ 4,346	\$ 4,496	\$ 4,869
Student support	789	1,097	730	754
Instruction support	293	316	377	497
Administration	769	818	887	903
Plant operations	946	984	977	1,027
Food service	367	472	353	438
Transportation	532	568	428	417
Total operational	7,862	8,601	8,248	8,905
Land and buildings	26	8	1,367	1,086
Equipment	392	431	508	496
Interest	368	356	319	261
Other	91	129	194	180
Total nonoperational	877	924	2,388	2,023
Total per pupil spending	\$ 8,739	\$ 9,525	\$10,636	\$10,928

Percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2014 versus 2019)

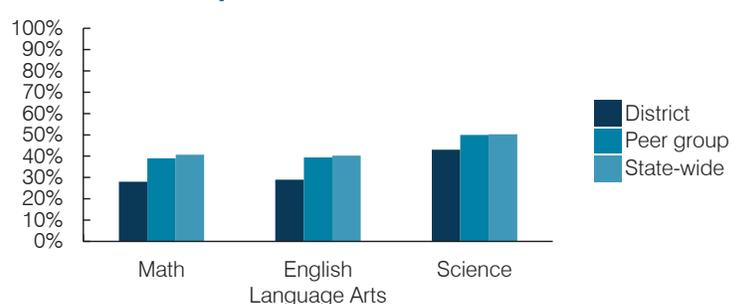


Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019
Students per teacher	18.4	16.9	17.7
Average years of teacher experience	11.9	12.0	10.3
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	16%	13%	22%

Students who passed State assessments²



¹ See Appendix A for information, such as districts included in each peer group, and Appendix B for sources and methodology.

² School letter grades are available at <https://azreportcards.azed.gov>.