

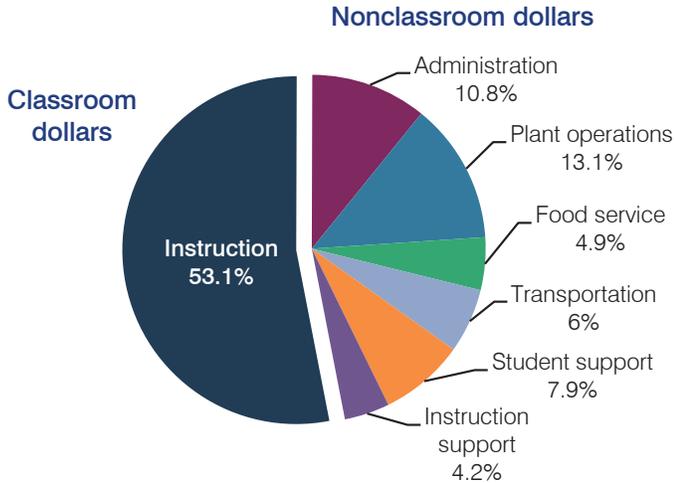
# Benson Unified School District

Cochise County  
 Efficiency peer groups 5 and T-8, Achievement peer group 5  
 Legislative district(s): 14

District size, location: Medium, Town  
 Students attending: 1,078  
 Number of schools: 4

## OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

### Spending by operational area



### 5-year spending trend

Total spending per pupil increased by 1 percent. Spending in the classroom varied year to year, decreasing from 56.9 to 53.1 percent. Overall, spending on administration decreased substantially and spending on student support and instruction support increased substantially. Spending on most other nonclassroom areas varied year to year.

### Cost measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$906	\$1,077	\$746
	Students per administrator	51	56	67
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.11	\$4.83	\$6.03
	Square footage per student	180	260	153
Food service	Cost per meal equivalent	\$2.76	\$3.14	\$2.58
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$2.81	\$2.52	\$3.55
	Cost per rider	\$808	\$797	\$1,015

Very low   Low   Comparable   High   Very high

### Per pupil spending by operational area

	District		Peer average	State average	National average
	2012	2013	2013	2013	2011
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,711</b>	<b>\$8,380</b>	<b>\$8,465</b>	<b>\$7,496</b>	<b>\$10,658</b>
<b>Classroom dollars</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>6,520</b>
<b>Nonclassroom dollars:</b>	<b>3,536</b>	<b>3,930</b>	<b>4,206</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>4,138</b>
Administration	898	906	1,077	746	1,138
Plant operations	858	1,100	1,237	924	1,015
Food service	382	410	419	396	412
Transportation	464	502	535	369	452
Student support	628	660	630	582	593
Instruction support	306	352	308	448	528

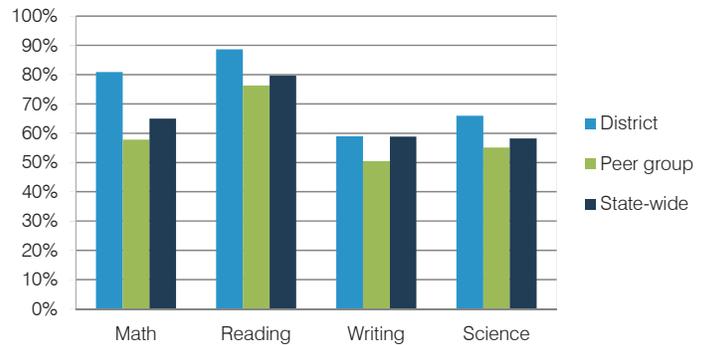
## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, TEACHER MEASURES, AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

### ADE-reported district and school letter grades

District grade: **A**

Grade	Number of schools	Percentage of schools
A	3	75%
B	0	0%
C	0	0%
D	0	0%
F	0	0%
Not rated	1	25%

### Students who met state standards (AIMS)



### Student and teacher measures

Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Attendance rate	95%	94%	94%
Graduation rate (2012)	86%	83%	77%
Poverty rate (2012)	21%	24%	25%
Students per teacher	16.4	16.6	18.3
Average teacher salary	\$40,519	\$41,866	\$45,264
Amount from Proposition 301	\$4,192	\$4,192	\$3,784
Average years of teacher experience	12.7	11.7	10.9
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	12%	16%	19%

### Financial stress assessment

Overall financial stress level: **Moderate**

Measure: 2011 through 2013	Assessment
Number of students attending district	Moderate decrease
Spending exceeded operating/capital budgets	No overspending
Spending increase election results	Voter-approved
Operating reserve percentage (max. 4%), trend	1.3%, Varying
Years of capital reserve held	1 to 3 years
Current financial and internal control status	Compliant

