

# Mesa Unified School District

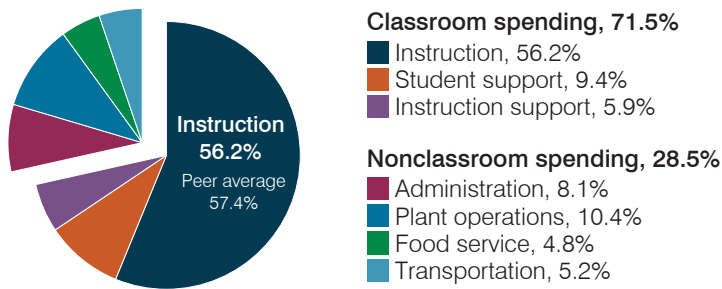
Maricopa County  
 Peer groups: Operational 1 and T-4, Achievement 3<sup>1</sup>  
 Legislative district(s): 16, 17, 18, 23, 25, and 26  
 District location: City  
 Number of schools: 75  
 Graduation rate (2018): 79%

Students attending; Size: 59,613; Very large  
 5-year change in students attending: 2% decrease  
 Special education population: 15%  
 English learner population: 6%  
 Poverty rate (2018): 18%  
 Free/reduced meal eligibility: 56%

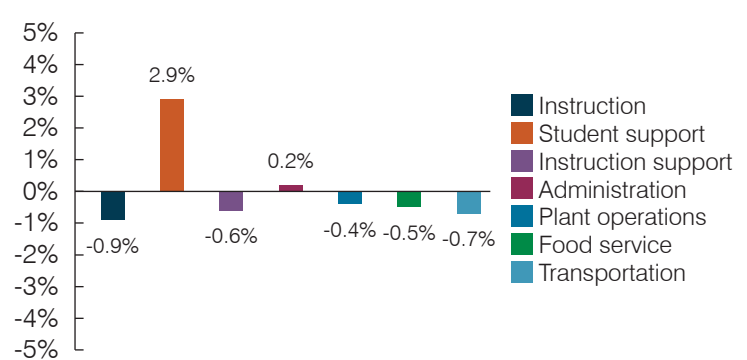
## Instructional spending percentage by year

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
61.9	62.7	63.0	63.1	63.3	62.7	62.1	61.4	59.8	59.3	57.6	57.3	56.3	57.1	55.8	56.7	55.2	55.4	56.2

## Spending by operational area



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

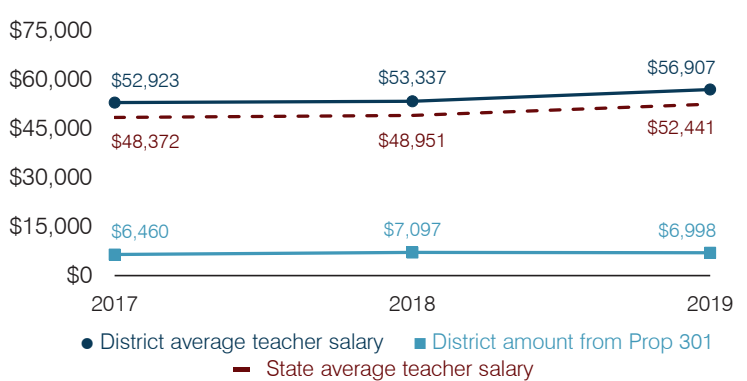


## Operational measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$719	\$746	\$903
	Students per administrative position	64	78	66
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.60	\$6.37	\$6.49
	Square footage per student	141	150	158
Food service	Cost per meal	\$2.95	\$2.92	\$3.08
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$4.83	\$4.02	\$4.29
	Cost per rider	\$1,594	\$1,407	\$1,424



## Average teacher salary and other measures

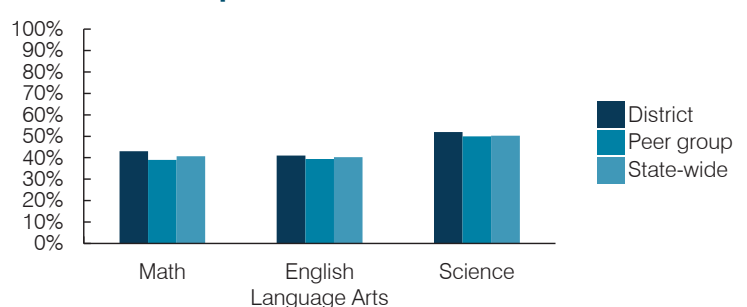


## Per pupil spending

Spending by area	District		Peer average 2019	State average 2019
	2018	2019		
Instruction	\$ 4,599	\$ 5,017	\$ 4,901	\$ 4,869
Student support	733	839	773	754
Instruction support	495	528	427	497
Administration	697	719	746	903
Plant operations	901	933	949	1,027
Food service	421	429	341	438
Transportation	458	465	381	417
<b>Total operational</b>	<b>8,304</b>	<b>8,930</b>	<b>8,518</b>	<b>8,905</b>
Land and buildings	506	379	658	1,086
Equipment	178	378	376	496
Interest	151	155	288	261
Other	129	128	217	180
<b>Total nonoperational</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>2,023</b>
<b>Total per pupil spending</b>	<b>\$ 9,268</b>	<b>\$ 9,970</b>	<b>\$10,057</b>	<b>\$10,928</b>

Measure	2017	2018	2019
Students per teacher	19.5	19.4	18.6
Average years of teacher experience	13.6	13.5	13.6
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	17%	16%	16%

## Students who passed State assessments<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> See Appendix A for information, such as districts included in each peer group, and Appendix B for sources and methodology.  
<sup>2</sup> School letter grades are available at <https://azreportcards.azed.gov>.