

Mesa Unified School District

Maricopa County

Efficiency peer groups 1 and T-4, Achievement peer group 3¹

Legislative district(s): 16, 17, 18, 23, 25, and 26

District size, location:

Very large, City

Students attending:

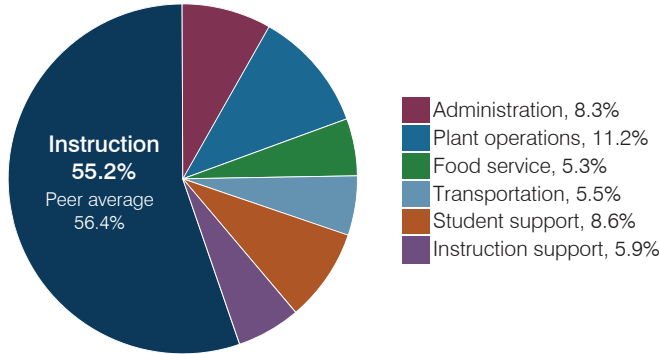
60,699

Number of schools:

75

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Spending by operational area



Efficiency measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$682	\$680	\$844
	Students per administrative position	67	80	67
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.63	\$6.15	\$6.30
	Square footage per student	139	147	155
Food service	Cost per meal	\$2.81	\$2.79	\$2.88
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$4.56	\$3.61	\$3.84
	Cost per rider	\$1,539	\$1,278	\$1,198

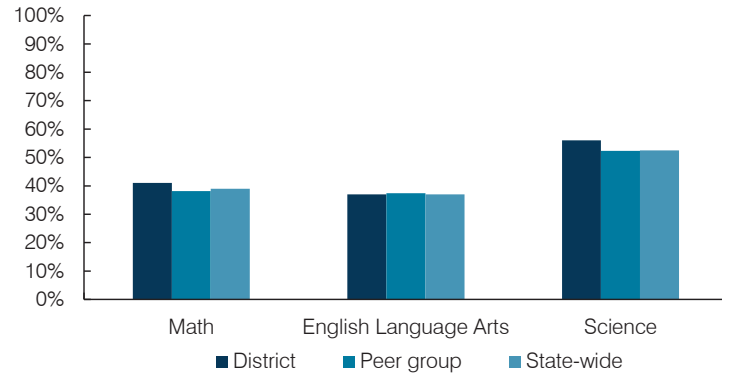
Very low Low Comparable High Very high

Per pupil spending

Spending by area	District		Peer average 2017	State average 2017
	2016	2017		
Instruction	\$ 4,525	\$ 4,535	\$ 4,386	\$ 4,377
Administration	652	682	680	844
Plant operations	882	923	877	977
Food service	429	435	323	422
Transportation	445	451	341	381
Student support	559	705	679	679
Instruction support	495	493	358	461
Total operational	\$ 7,987	\$ 8,224	\$ 7,644	\$ 8,141
Land and buildings	\$ 579	\$ 433	\$ 651	\$ 691
Equipment	485	279	393	424
Interest	148	141	223	236
Other	123	122	209	161
Total nonoperational	\$ 1,335	\$ 975	\$ 1,476	\$ 1,512
Total per pupil spending	\$ 9,322	\$ 9,199	\$ 9,120	\$ 9,653

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, STUDENT AND TEACHER MEASURES, AND REVENUES

Students who passed state assessments



Student and teacher measures

Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Attendance rate	94%	94%	94%
Graduation rate (2016)	79%	86%	80%
Poverty rate (2016)	22%	24%	22%
Special education population	14%	14%	12%
Students per teacher	19.5	18.8	18.5
Average teacher salary	\$52,923	\$45,975	\$48,372
Amount from Prop 301	\$6,460	\$5,671	\$5,840
Average years of teacher experience	13.6	11.8	11.3
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	17%	16%	19%

Per pupil revenues

Revenues by source	District		Peer average 2017	State average 2017
	2016	2017		
Federal	\$ 1,061	\$ 1,109	\$ 885	\$ 1,318
State	4,206	4,274	3,394	3,831
Local	3,636	3,850	5,302	4,443
Total per pupil revenues	\$ 8,903	\$ 9,233	\$ 9,581	\$ 9,592

Select revenues from common sources

	District	Peer average	State average
Equalization formula funding	\$ 5,546	\$ 5,592	\$ 5,387
Amount from Prop 123	242	245	241
Prop 123 additional funding	45	46	46
Grants	1,088	1,164	901
Donations and tax credits	69	69	98

Select revenues from less common sources

	District	Peer average	Number of peers receiving
Desegregation	\$ 144	\$ 145	4 of 10
Small school adjustment	0	0	0 of 10
Federal impact aid	5	5	2 of 10
Voter-approved levy increases	1,174	1,241	10 of 10

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

Instructional spending percentage

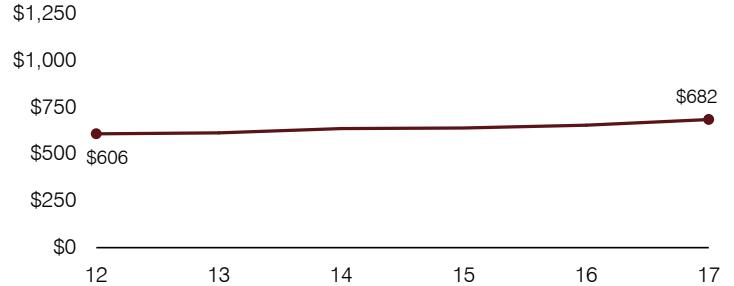
Year:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Percentage:	61.9	62.7	63.0	63.1	63.3	62.7	62.1	61.4	59.8	59.3	57.6	57.3	56.3	57.1	55.8	56.7	55.2

OPERATIONAL TRENDS AND FINANCIAL STRESS ASSESSMENT
Fiscal years as indicated

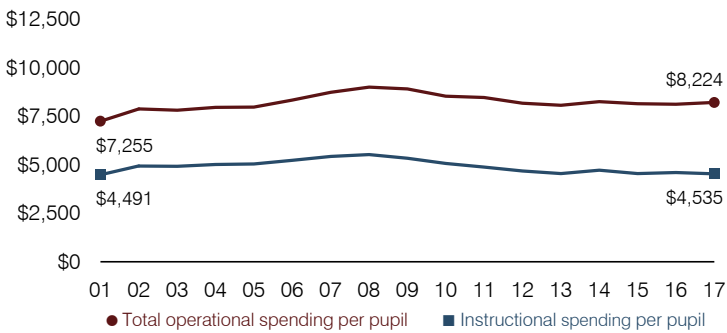
5-year spending trend (2012 through 2017)

Total operational spending per pupil, adjusted for inflation, returned to 2012 levels. The percentage of dollars spent on instruction varied year to year, decreasing overall from 57.3 to 55.2 percent. As a percentage of total operational spending, student support increased substantially and plant operations increased slightly, while instruction support decreased slightly. All other noninstructional areas remained stable.

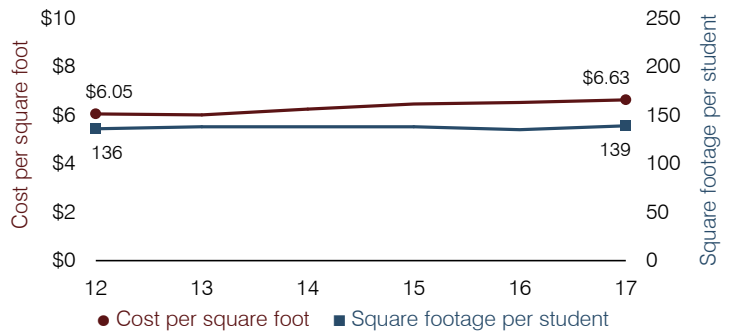
Administrative cost per pupil



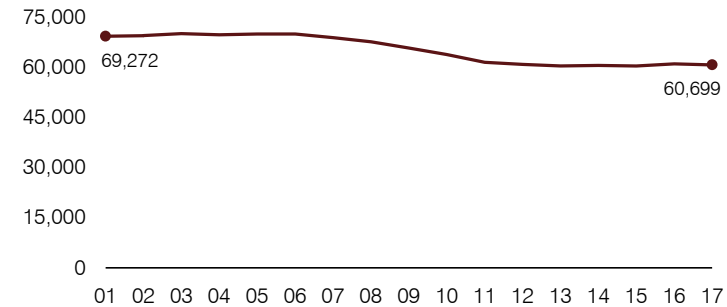
Total operational and instructional spending per pupil (inflation adjusted to 2017 dollars)



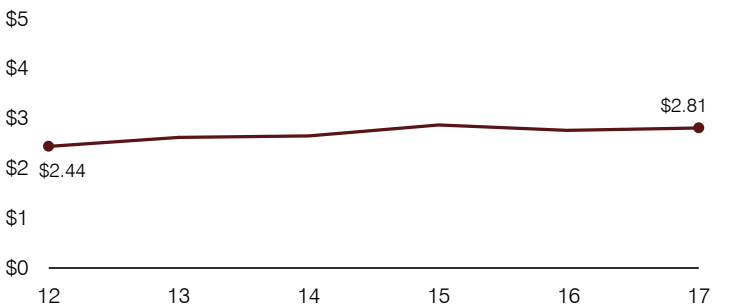
Plant cost per square foot and square footage per student



Students attending



Food service cost per meal



Financial stress assessment

Overall financial stress level: **Low**

Measure: 2015 through 2017

	Assessment
Change in number of district students	Steady
Spending exceeded operating/capital budgets	No overspending
Spending increase election results	No election held
Operating reserve percentage, Trend	4.4%, Increasing
Years of capital reserve held	More than 3 years
Current financial and internal control status	Compliant

Low
Moderate
High

Transportation costs per mile and per rider

