

Safford Unified School District

Graham County
Operational peer group: D
Legislative districts: 5

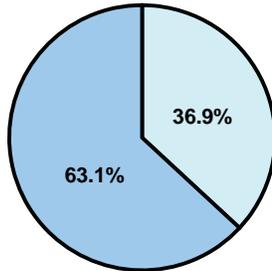
District size: Medium-Large
Students attending: 2,967
Number of schools: 6

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Average per-pupil spending

District
State

Classroom
\$4,384
\$4,497



Nonclassroom
\$2,567
\$3,411

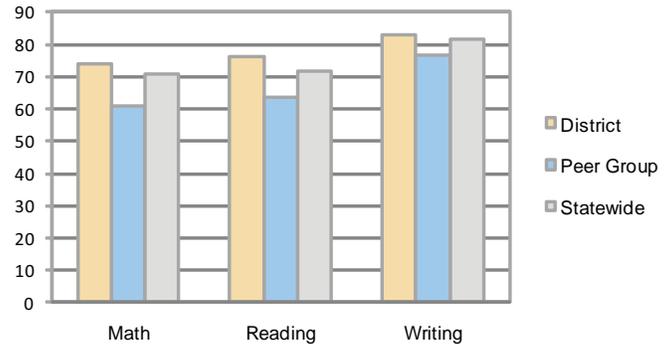
Total
\$6,951
\$7,908

5-year trend

Total spending per pupil increased by 19 percent. Spending in the classroom varied year to year and increased significantly overall from 59.1 to 63.1 percent. Spending on student and instruction support decreased, while spending in other nonclassroom areas varied year to year.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER INFORMATION

Percentage of students meeting state standards (AIMS)



Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward federal goals

5 schools met all applicable AYP objectives for NCLB. 1 did not because its graduation rate was not sufficient.

District's cost measures relative to peer group

Operational Area	Measure	District	Peer Average	State Average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$778	\$775	\$729
	Students per administrator	65	61	66
Plant Operations	Cost per square foot	\$4.00	\$6.13	\$6.40
	Square footage per student	161	168	144
Food Service	Cost per meal equivalent	\$2.13	\$2.64	\$2.53
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$3.24	\$2.96	\$3.36
	Miles per rider	158	307	271

Very Low Low Comparable High Very High

Student and teacher information

Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Attendance rate	96%	94%	95%
Graduation rate (2008)	75%	75%	75%
Poverty rate	20%	29%	19%
Student/teacher ratio	17.6	17.6	17.1
Average teacher salary	\$50,118	\$44,586	\$45,209
Average years' experience	11.9	10.4	8.3
Percent of teachers in first 3 years	24%	23%	16%

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Teacher pay

On average, each teacher, librarian, and counselor earned between \$4,617 and \$5,714 in additional salary.

Performance pay plan goals and results

Type of goal	Goal met?
Student achievement	▴
Dropout/ graduation rates	
Student attendance	
Parent/student satisfaction	
Teacher attendance	
Teacher professional development	
Teacher evaluations	
Tutoring	
Other	

■ = yes, □ = no, and ▴ = partially

Per-pupil spending by function

	District		Peer	State	National
	2008	2009	2009	2009	2007
Total	\$6,740	\$6,951	\$7,896	\$7,908	\$9,683
Classroom dollars	\$4,229	\$4,384	\$4,312	\$4,497	\$5,903
Nonclassroom dollars:	\$2,511	\$2,567	\$3,584	\$3,411	\$3,780
Administration	718	778	775	729	1,050
Plant Operations	619	645	1,032	920	951
Food Service	298	319	365	382	369
Transportation	218	207	397	343	406
Student Support	373	345	629	594	512
Instruction Support	285	273	380	431	470
Other	0	0	6	12	22