

Tucson Unified School District

Pima County

Peer groups: Operational 1 and T-5, Achievement 3¹

Legislative district(s): 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10

District location: City

Number of schools: 86

Graduation rate (2018): 84%

Students attending; Size: 42,551; Very large

5-year change in students attending: 9% decrease

Special education population: 14%

English learner population: 8%

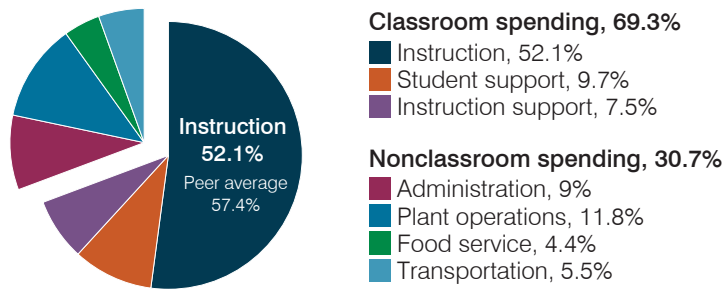
Poverty rate (2018): 24%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 62%

Instructional spending percentage by year

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
53.9	54.7	54.9	55.0	55.4	54.9	54.3	53.4	53.5	53.9	50.4	50.6	49.2	48.7	48.7	48.8	50.9	51.1	52.1

Spending by operational area



Operational measures relative to peer averages

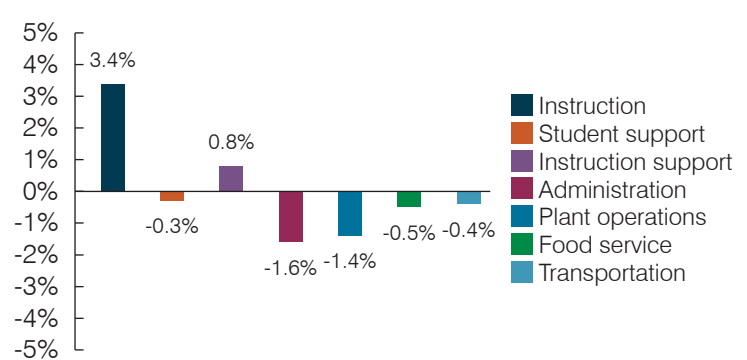
Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$895	\$746	\$903
	Students per administrative position	48	78	66
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.11	\$6.37	\$6.49
	Square footage per student	192	150	158
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.30	\$2.92	\$3.08
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$5.16	\$4.10	\$4.29
	Cost per rider	NR	\$1,775	\$1,424



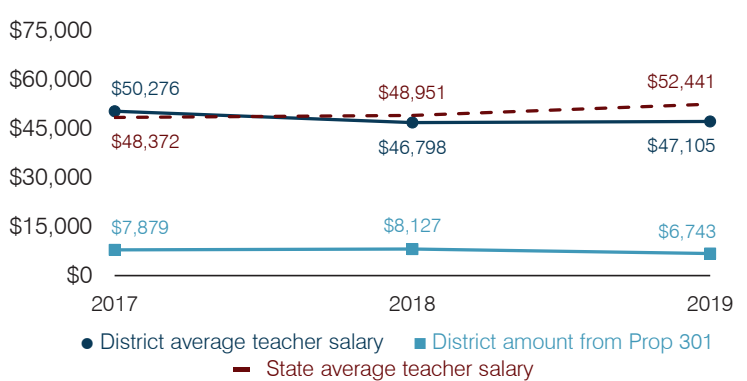
Per pupil spending

Spending by area	District		Peer average 2019	State average 2019
	2018	2019		
Instruction	\$ 4,808	\$ 5,180	\$ 4,901	\$ 4,869
Student support	884	962	773	754
Instruction support	720	741	427	497
Administration	929	895	746	903
Plant operations	1,157	1,172	949	1,027
Food service	417	435	341	438
Transportation	486	549	381	417
Total operational	9,401	9,934	8,518	8,905
Land and buildings	192	251	658	1,086
Equipment	349	318	376	496
Interest	219	221	288	261
Other	177	160	217	180
Total nonoperational	937	950	1,539	2,023
Total per pupil spending	\$ 10,338	\$ 10,884	\$10,057	\$10,928

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

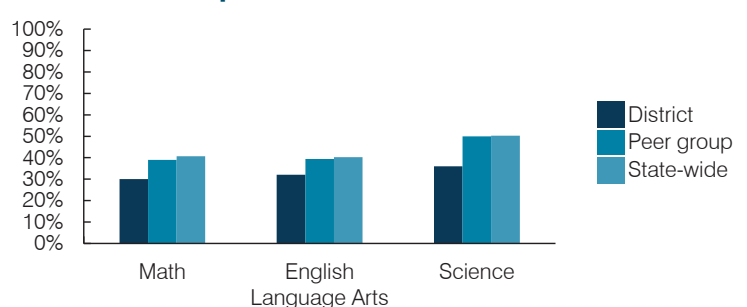


Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019
Students per teacher	17.7	16.0	14.8
Average years of teacher experience	12.6	12.5	12.6
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	16%	13%	16%

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>.