

Tucson Unified School District

Pima County

Peer group(s): Operational 1 and Transportation 5¹

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

District location: City

Number of schools: 85

Graduation rate (2019): 85%

Students attending; Size: 42,148; Very large

5-year change in students attending: 8% decrease

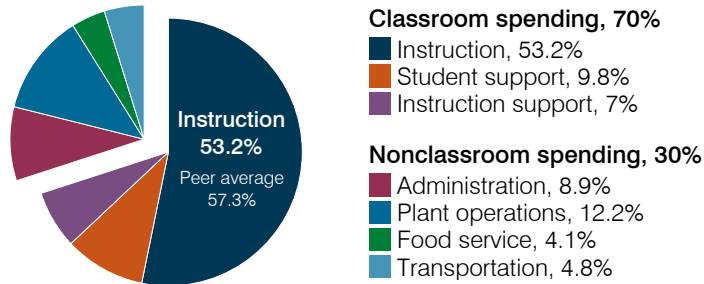
Special education population: 14%

English learner population: 8%

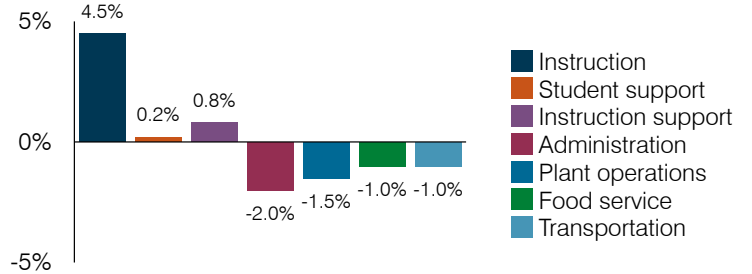
Poverty rate (2019): 20%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 68%

Spending by operational area



Percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2015 versus 2020)



Operational measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$893	\$773	\$936
	Students per administrative position	47	77	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.32	\$6.40	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	194	152	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.74	\$3.50	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$4.59	\$3.77	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,346	\$1,776	\$1,370

Very low Low Comparable High Very high

Lowest, highest, and 2 most recent fiscal years' instructional spending percentages between 2001 and 2020

Lowest	Highest	Most recent years	
2015	2005	2019	2020
48.7%	55.4%	52.1%	53.2%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

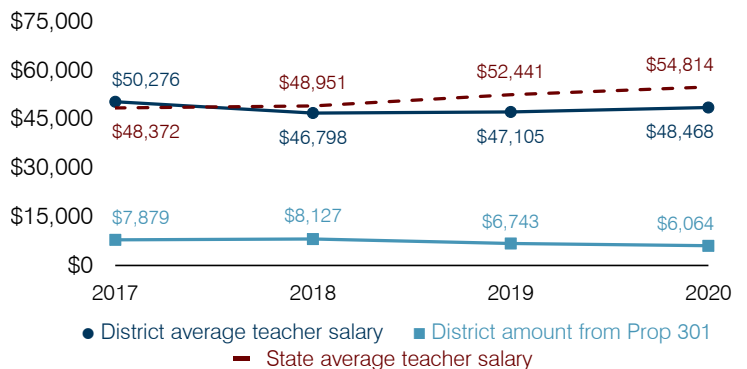
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$10,778,344	\$ 5,534,223
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 256	\$ 149

Districts can use COVID-19 federal relief grants from March 2020 through September 2022. Amounts above were used by June 30, 2020.

Per pupil spending by area

Area	District		Peer average 2020	State average 2020
	2019	2020		
Classroom spending				
Instruction	\$ 5,180	\$ 5,337	\$ 5,072	\$ 5,016
Student support	962	985	831	796
Instruction support	741	702	447	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	895	893	773	936
Plant operations	1,172	1,225	964	1,048
Food service	435	409	332	432
Transportation	549	475	362	395
Total operational	9,934	10,026	8,781	9,136
Land and buildings	251	192	764	1,053
Equipment	318	312	401	533
Interest	221	234	289	273
Other	160	133	221	175
Total nonoperational	950	871	1,675	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 10,884	\$ 10,897	\$10,456	\$11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	17.7	16.0	14.8	14.7
Average years of teacher experience	12.6	12.5	12.6	12.5
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	16%	13%	16%	18%

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