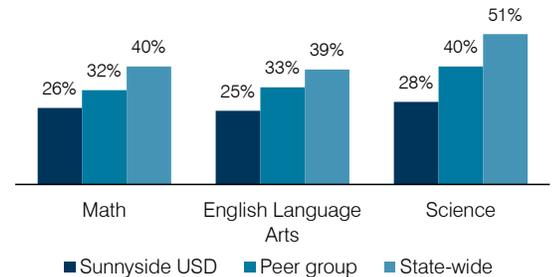




Urban district in Pima County
Grades: Kindergarten through 12th
Students attending: 15,537
Number of schools: 21
School letter grades: 5 Bs, 10 Cs, 3 Ds¹
Graduation rate: 78%

¹ One school was not rated due to insufficient data. The other 2 schools did not receive letter grades because 1 served kindergarten through 2nd grade students and the other was an alternative school. The Arizona Department of Education did not publish grades for these types of schools in fiscal year 2018.

Students who passed State assessments



Total operational spending—\$114 million (\$7,343 per pupil)

Instructional—49.5% (\$3,635 per pupil)

Noninstructional—50.5% (\$3,708 per pupil)

Operational overview	Measure	Sunnyside USD	Peer average
<p>Administration—similar spending but improvements needed</p> <p>The District spent a similar amount per pupil on administration as its peers, on average. However, the District needs to improve some accounting and computer controls to reduce its risk of errors and fraud (see Finding 1, page 2).</p>	Spending per pupil	\$827	\$804
<p>Plant operations—efficient practices reduced spending</p> <p>Although districts that operate substantially fewer square feet per pupil tend to spend more per square foot because of higher usage, the District's spending was similar to its peers' because it implemented efficient practices. Some of the District's efforts include upgrading to energy-efficient LED lighting, installing water-efficient bathroom fixtures, and controlling energy usage using its energy management system.</p>	Spending per square foot	\$6.50	\$6.44
	Square footage per pupil	126	148
<p>Food service—similar spending but provided food and beverages without express statutory authority</p> <p>The District spent a similar amount per meal despite spending more per pupil because it served 52 percent more meals per pupil. However, the District should stop providing food and beverages for internal events and at its public café unless it has express statutory authority (see Finding 2, page 7).</p>	Spending per meal	\$3.05	\$3.08
	Spending per pupil	\$522	\$342
<p>Transportation—efficient but more oversight needed</p> <p>The District employed efficient practices that kept spending low, such as eliminating nonessential positions and utilizing transportation employees in other operational areas when not driving buses. However, the District did not maintain records supporting that its bus drivers met the certification requirements and that it performed bus preventative maintenance (see Finding 3, page 8).</p>	Spending per mile	\$4.39	\$5.91
	Spending per rider	\$953	\$1,232