

Apache Junction Unified School District

Pinal County

Peer group(s): Operational 3 and Transportation 3¹

Legislative district(s): 8 and 16

District location: Suburb

Number of schools: 5

Graduation rate (2019): 79%

Students attending; Size: 3,146; Medium-large

5-year change in students attending: 28% decrease

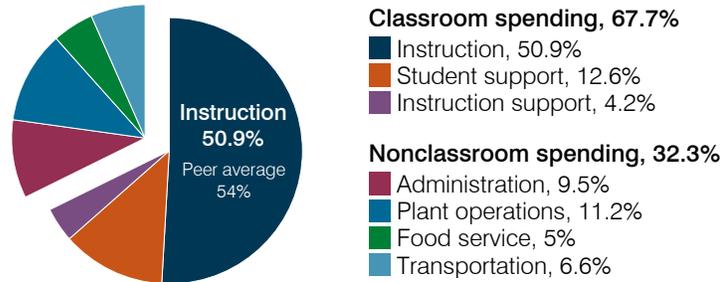
Special education population: 18%

English learner population: 4%

Poverty rate (2019): 16%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 60%

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	\$891	\$937	\$936
	Students per administrative position	60	65	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$5.67	\$6.03	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	185	164	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.61	\$3.64	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$3.48	\$4.60	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,192	\$1,301	\$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	
2019	2009	2019	2020
50.5%	56.9%	50.5%	50.9%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

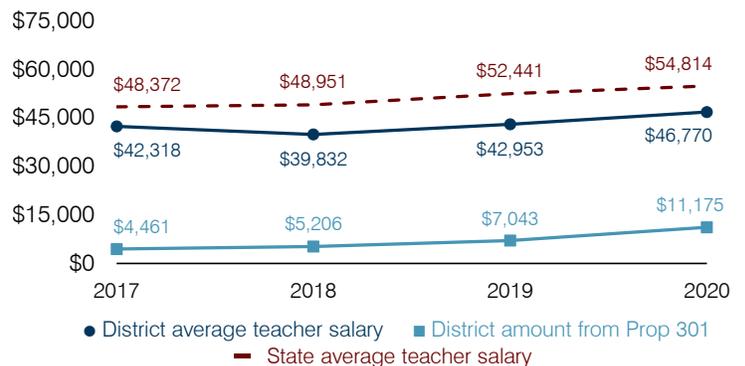
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 49,386
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 10

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	\$ 4,346	\$ 4,767	\$ 4,606	\$ 5,016
Student support	1,097	1,180	805	796
Instruction support	316	394	374	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	818	891	937	936
Plant operations	984	1,050	1,034	1,048
Food service	472	471	340	432
Transportation	568	616	450	395
Total operational	8,601	9,369	8,546	9,136
Land and buildings	8	39	779	1,053
Equipment	431	405	519	533
Interest	356	335	284	273
Other	129	118	160	175
Total nonoperational	924	897	1,742	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 9,525	\$ 10,266	\$ 10,288	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	18.4	16.9	17.7	17.3
Average years of teacher experience	11.9	12.0	10.3	9.7
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	16%	13%	22%	27%

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