

Higley Unified School District

Maricopa County

Peer group(s): Operational 2 and Transportation 3¹

Legislative district(s): 12

District location: Suburb

Number of schools: 13

Graduation rate (2019): 96%

Students attending; Size: 12,562; Large

5-year change in students attending: 16% increase

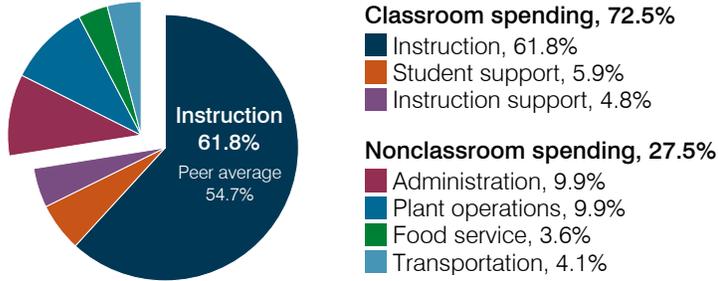
Special education population: 14%

English learner population: 1%

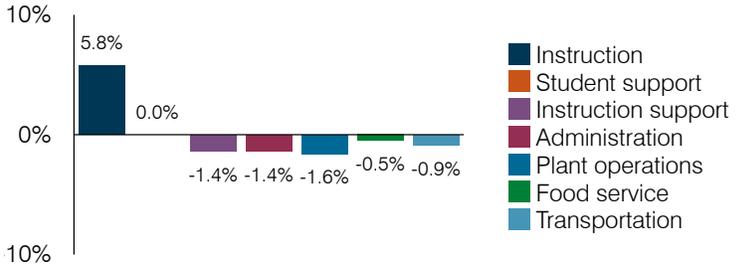
Poverty rate (2019): 6%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 17%

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	\$742	\$855	\$936
	Students per administrative position	87	65	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$5.20	\$6.79	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	143	147	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.21	\$3.89	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$4.76	\$4.60	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,189	\$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	
2011	2005	2019	2020
54.2%	65.4%	59.8%	61.8%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

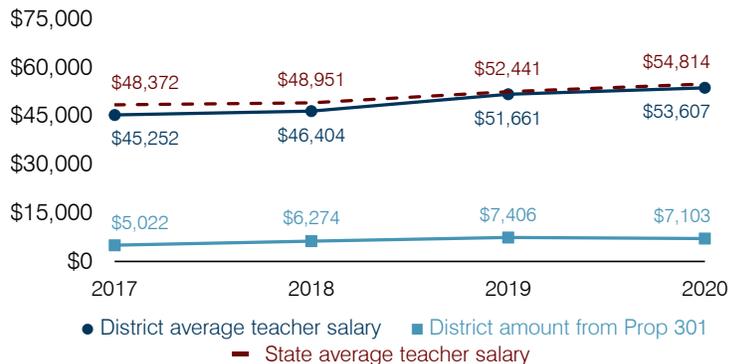
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 555,597
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 49

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	\$ 4,495	\$ 4,654	\$ 4,636	\$ 5,016
Student support	422	448	715	796
Instruction support	362	364	514	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	918	742	855	936
Plant operations	768	743	988	1,048
Food service	246	272	362	432
Transportation	306	306	386	395
Total operational	7,517	7,529	8,456	9,136
Land and buildings	540	1,281	1,754	1,053
Equipment	469	368	553	533
Interest	342	314	345	273
Other	472	367	153	175
Total nonoperational	1,823	2,330	2,805	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 9,340	\$ 9,859	\$ 11,261	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	18.4	18.1	16.9	17.2
Average years of teacher experience	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.6
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	26%	27%	24%	18%

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