

Morenci Unified School District

Greenlee County

Peer group(s): Operational 5 and Transportation 6¹

Legislative district(s): 14

District location: Town

Number of schools: 3

Graduation rate (2019): 94%

Students attending; Size: 1,305; Medium

5-year change in students attending: 10% decrease

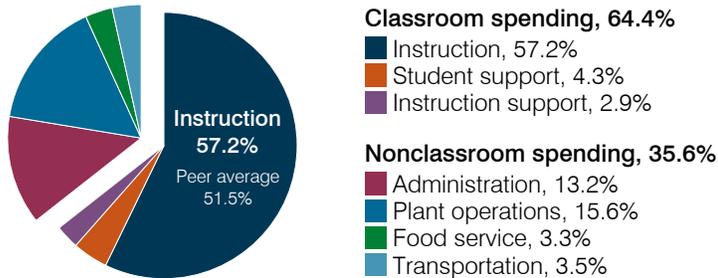
Special education population: 9%

English learner population: 1%

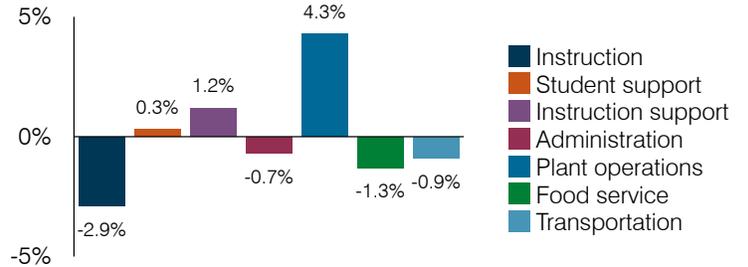
Poverty rate (2019): 9%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 37%

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	\$1,325	\$1,241	\$936
	Students per administrative position	59	58	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$5.97	\$5.69	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	263	275	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.92	\$4.01	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$4.38	\$3.70	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,089	\$799	\$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	
2001	2019	2019	2020
54.9%	61.4%	61.4%	57.2%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

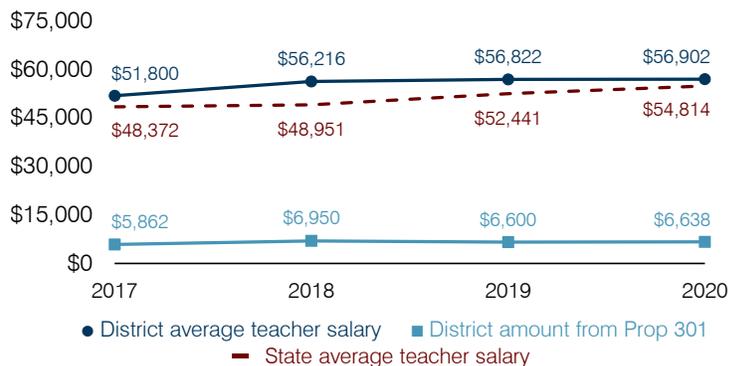
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 23,662
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 21

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	\$ 5,964	\$ 5,733	\$ 5,405	\$ 5,016
Student support	317	434	719	796
Instruction support	180	293	458	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	1,258	1,325	1,241	936
Plant operations	1,274	1,567	1,516	1,048
Food service	337	325	424	432
Transportation	388	354	565	395
Total operational	9,718	10,031	10,328	9,136
Land and buildings	838	965	558	1,053
Equipment	624	637	686	533
Interest	23	8	198	273
Other	863	994	97	175
Total nonoperational	2,348	2,604	1,539	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 12,066	\$ 12,635	\$ 11,867	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	17.5	18.1	17.3	17.2
Average years of teacher experience	12.6	13.5	13.7	12.7
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	10%	8%	8%	16%

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