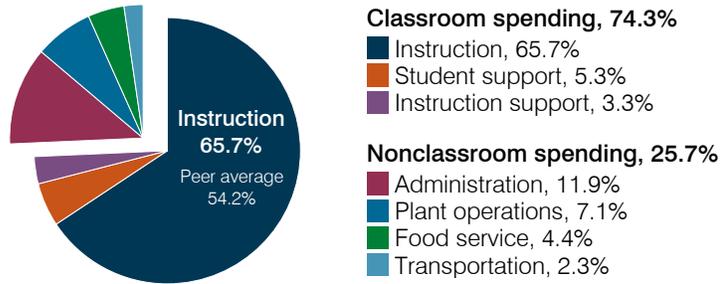


# Safford Unified School District

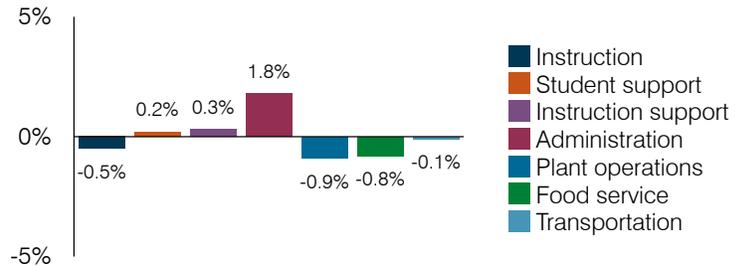
Graham County  
 Peer group(s): Operational 4 and Transportation 6<sup>1</sup>  
 Legislative district(s): 14  
 District location: Town  
 Number of schools: 6  
 Graduation rate (2019): 85%

Students attending; Size: 2,907; Medium-large  
 5-year change in students attending: 4% decrease  
 Special education population: 14%  
 English learner population: 1%  
 Poverty rate (2019): 24%  
 Free/reduced meal eligibility: 51%

## 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	\$949	\$929	\$936
	Students per administrative position	70	73	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$3.45	\$5.79	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	165	180	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.02	\$3.39	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$3.00	\$3.70	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$643	\$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	
2005	2015	2019	2020
58.1%	66.2%	63.0%	65.7%

## COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

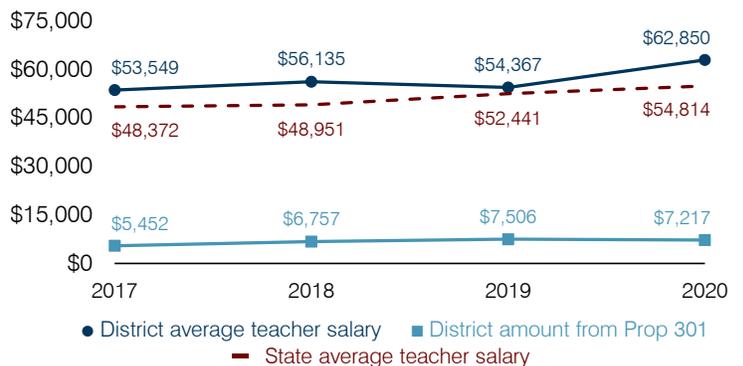
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 5,868	\$ 202,651
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 2	\$ 40

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		
<b>Classroom spending</b>				
Instruction	\$ 5,032	\$ 5,234	\$ 4,706	\$ 5,016
Student support	403	419	687	796
Instruction support	306	266	448	513
<b>Nonclassroom spending</b>				
Administration	982	949	929	936
Plant operations	687	568	998	1,048
Food service	365	347	424	432
Transportation	210	184	408	395
<b>Total operational</b>	<b>7,985</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>9,136</b>
Land and buildings	1,502	651	419	1,053
Equipment	185	195	430	533
Interest	62	53	176	273
Other	43	26	48	175
<b>Total nonoperational</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>2,034</b>
<b>Total per pupil spending</b>	<b>\$ 9,777</b>	<b>\$ 8,892</b>	<b>\$ 9,673</b>	<b>\$ 11,170</b>

## Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	18.2	19.2	17.4	18.4
Average years of teacher experience	13.7	13.8	13.9	15.2
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	15%	20%	19%	9%

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