

Wickenburg Unified School District

Maricopa County

Peer group(s): Operational 5 and Transportation 10¹

Legislative district(s): 1, 13, and 22

District location: Rural

Number of schools: 4

Graduation rate (2019): 80%

Students attending; Size: 1,345; Medium

5-year change in students attending: 9% decrease

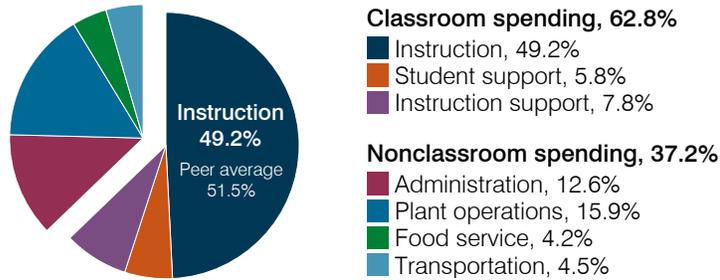
Special education population: 12%

English learner population: 4%

Poverty rate (2019): 16%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 46%

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	\$1,150	\$1,241	\$936
	Students per administrative position	56	58	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$4.62	\$5.69	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	315	275	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.35	\$4.01	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$1.76	\$2.00	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,433	\$1,741	\$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	
2017	2008	2019	2020
47.0%	58.8%	48.8%	49.2%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

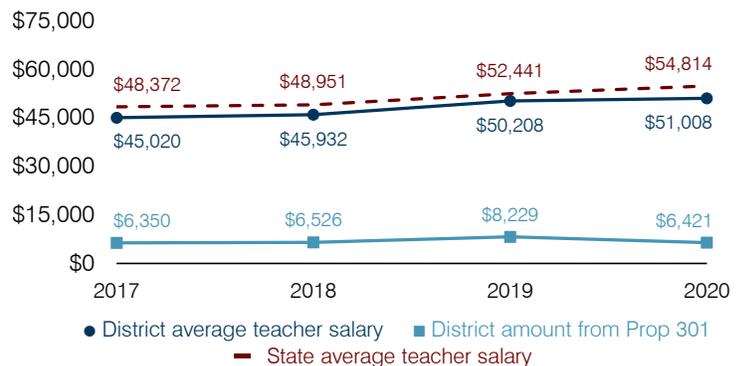
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 27,603	\$ 23,662
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 21	\$ 21

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	\$ 4,576	\$ 4,488	\$ 5,405	\$ 5,016
Student support	487	526	719	796
Instruction support	676	718	458	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	1,139	1,150	1,241	936
Plant operations	1,576	1,454	1,516	1,048
Food service	491	385	424	432
Transportation	435	407	565	395
Total operational	9,380	9,128	10,328	9,136
Land and buildings	1,025	683	558	1,053
Equipment	749	295	686	533
Interest	311	422	198	273
Other	112	123	97	175
Total nonoperational	2,197	1,523	1,539	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 11,577	\$ 10,651	\$ 11,867	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	18.4	18.2	17.9	18.3
Average years of teacher experience	10.3	12.3	11.2	12.6
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	32%	16%	20%	14%

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