

Classroom Dollars and Proposition 301 Results

Benson Unified School District

Cochise County

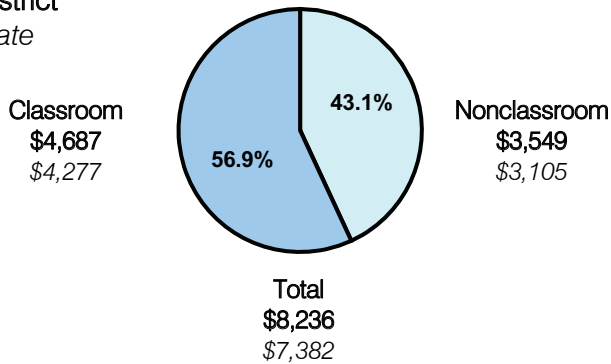
District size: Medium
 Students attending: 972
 Number of schools: 4
 Number of certified teachers: 65

Classroom Dollars

Fiscal year 2007 averages per pupil

District

State

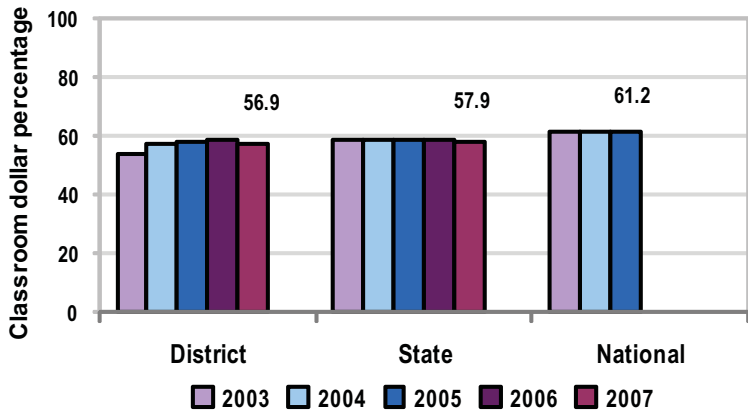


Comparative Information

	District			State
	2005	2006	2007	2007
Student/teacher ratio	14.9	15.4	15.0	17.4
Average teacher salary	\$36,950	\$41,449	\$40,126	\$43,833
Average years' experience	9.1	9.3	9.5	8.1

Classroom dollar ranking: 80 of 229 districts.

5-year comparison



Expenditures by function

	District					State	National
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2007	2005
Classroom dollars	53.7	57.4	57.8	58.6	56.9	57.9	61.2
Nonclassroom dollars:							
Administration	10.4	9.7	11.2	10.8	11.3	9.5	11.0
Plant operations	14.3	15.3	13.2	13.6	13.9	11.3	9.6
Food service	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.2	4.0	4.7	3.9
Transportation	5.8	4.7	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.3	4.1
Student support	7.3	7.0	6.3	5.2	5.3	7.3	5.2
Instruction support	4.6	2.4	3.2	3.3	3.8	4.8	4.8
Other						0.2	0.2

Proposition 301

District-reported 2007 results

Teacher pay

- On average, each teacher earned an additional \$5,468 in salary, each librarian, speech pathologist, and counselor earned an additional \$5,200, and each instructional aide earned an additional \$1,000.

Performance

- The District accomplished most of its goals, which were similar to the prior fiscal year's goals and were based on school performance.
- Students' standardized test scores increased.
- Students' graduation rate was above the state average.
- Parent satisfaction was maintained or improved.

Menu

- Monies were used primarily to increase eligible employee compensation.
- Monies were also used for class size reduction to hire 2 additional teacher aides for kindergarten classes.