

Fowler Elementary School District

Maricopa County

Peer group(s): Operational 8 and Transportation 1¹

Legislative district(s): 19

District location: City

Number of schools: 7

Graduation rate (2019): N/A

Students attending; Size: 3,942; Medium-large

5-year change in students attending: 13% decrease

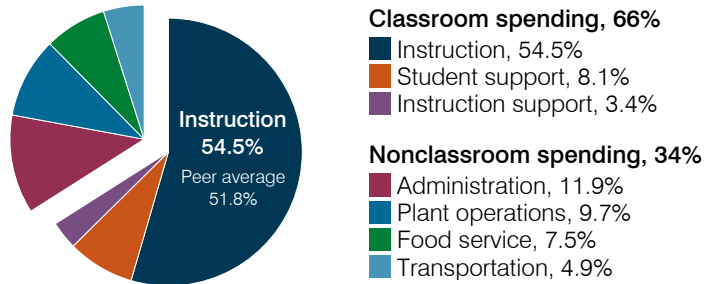
Special education population: 11%

English learner population: 16%

Poverty rate (2019): 27%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 77%

Spending by operational area



Operational measures relative to peer averages

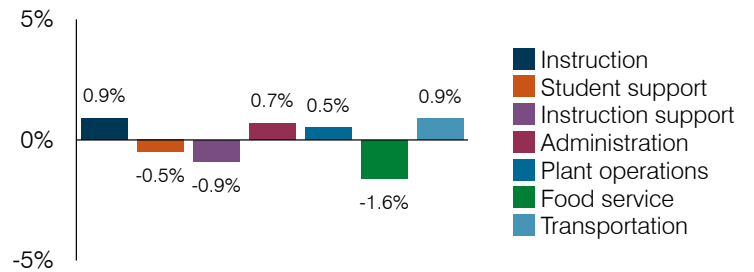
Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$1,082	\$1,119	\$936
	Students per administrative position	66	64	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.22	\$6.73	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	142	148	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.50	\$3.26	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$6.99	\$7.32	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,088	\$1,286	\$1,370

Very low Low Comparable High Very high

Per pupil spending by area

Area	District		Peer average 2020	State average 2020
	2019	2020		
Classroom spending				
Instruction	\$ 4,832	\$ 4,938	\$ 4,869	\$ 5,016
Student support	686	731	757	796
Instruction support	346	306	615	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	934	1,082	1,119	936
Plant operations	819	884	1,017	1,048
Food service	720	675	703	432
Transportation	436	446	348	395
Total operational	8,773	9,062	9,428	9,136
Land and buildings	230	435	1,809	1,053
Equipment	305	306	640	533
Interest	58	59	374	273
Other	324	371	218	175
Total nonoperational	917	1,171	3,041	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 9,690	\$ 10,233	\$12,469	\$11,170

Percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2015 versus 2020)



Lowest, highest, and 2 most recent fiscal years' instructional spending percentages between 2001 and 2020

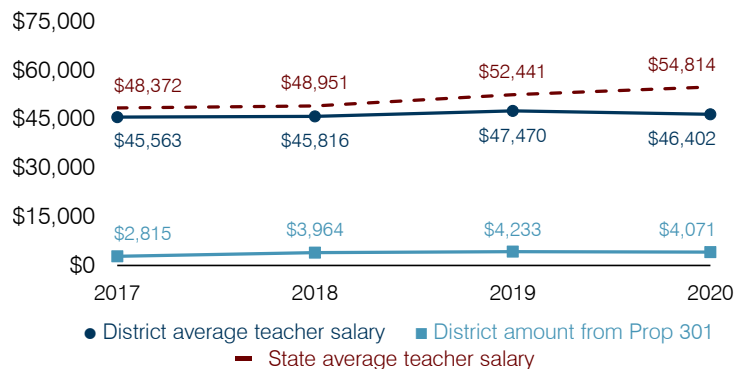
Lowest	Highest	Most recent years	
2018	2004	2019	2020
52.9%	60.7%	55.1%	54.5%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 9,316	\$ 505,751
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 2	\$ 90

Districts can use COVID-19 federal relief grants from March 2020 through September 2022. Amounts above were used by June 30, 2020.

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	18.6	19.0	17.3	17.2
Average years of teacher experience	7.4	7.3	7.6	6.6
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	33%	45%	44%	53%

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