

Gila Bend Unified School District

Maricopa County

Peer group(s): Operational 6 and Transportation 7¹

Legislative district(s): 4

District location: Rural

Number of schools: 2

Graduation rate (2019): 78%

Students attending; Size: 438; Small

5-year change in students attending: 12% increase

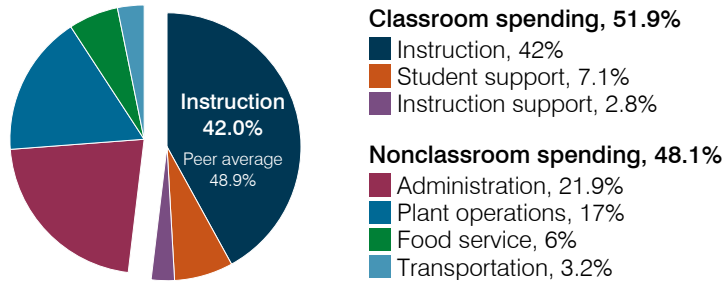
Special education population: 14%

English learner population: 22%

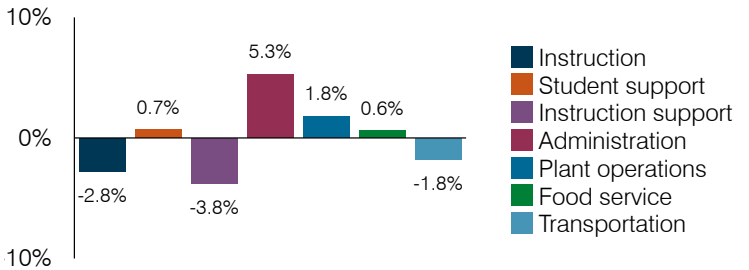
Poverty rate (2019): 34%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 75%

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	\$2,329	\$1,873	\$936
	Students per administrative position	57	44	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$7.16	\$5.44	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	253	354	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.19	\$4.30	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$2.43	\$3.84	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$684	\$1,110	\$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	2005	2019	2020
41.2%	57.3%	47.8%	42.0%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

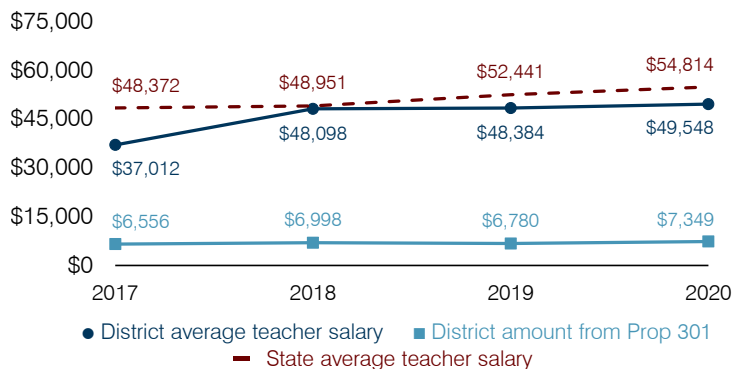
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 5,173
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 23

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	\$ 5,009	\$ 4,469	\$ 6,058	\$ 5,016
Student support	529	750	721	796
Instruction support	234	293	370	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	1,939	2,329	1,873	936
Plant operations	1,752	1,811	1,803	1,048
Food service	672	641	633	432
Transportation	351	340	565	395
Total operational	10,486	10,633	12,023	9,136
Land and buildings	2,576	18,886	2,316	1,053
Equipment	278	627	895	533
Interest	237	1,102	190	273
Other	4	105	57	175
Total nonoperational	3,095	20,720	3,458	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 13,581	\$ 31,353	\$ 15,481	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	17.7	15.7	16.3	16.8
Average years of teacher experience	8.9	11.8	11.9	9.9
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	45%	19%	12%	31%

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