

Higley Unified School District

Maricopa County

Peer groups: Operational 2 and T-3, Achievement 1¹

Legislative district(s): 12

District location: Suburb

Number of schools: 13

Graduation rate (2018): 95%

Students attending; Size: 12,126; Large

5-year change in students attending: 14% increase

Special education population: 13%

English learner population: 1%

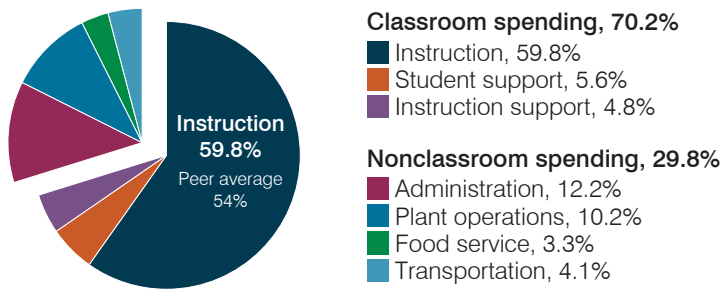
Poverty rate (2018): 6%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 18%

Instructional spending percentage by year

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
60.2	56.1	58.2	59.9	65.4	58.6	57.7	57.0	55.0	54.9	54.2	55.3	55.9	55.7	56.0	57.7	59.8	57.8	59.8

Spending by operational area



Operational measures relative to peer averages

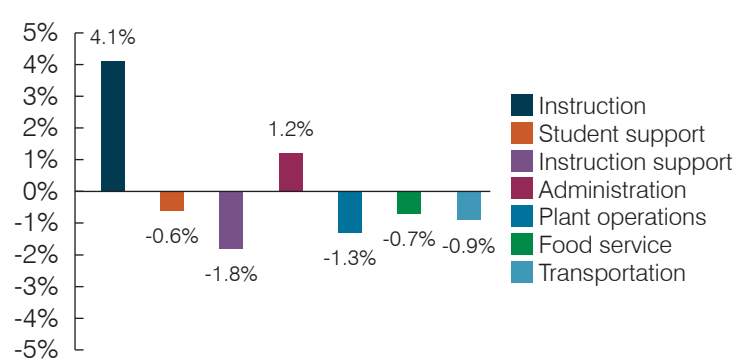
Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$918	\$842	\$903
	Students per administrative position	87	66	66
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$5.23	\$6.59	\$6.49
	Square footage per student	147	150	158
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.14	\$3.25	\$3.08
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$5.30	\$4.60	\$4.29
	Cost per rider	\$1,207	\$1,224	\$1,424



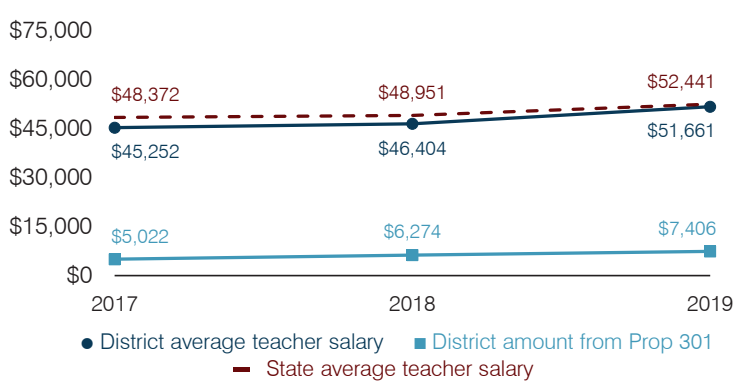
Per pupil spending

Spending by area	District		Peer average 2019	State average 2019
	2018	2019		
Instruction	\$ 3,925	\$ 4,495	\$ 4,521	\$ 4,869
Student support	380	422	688	754
Instruction support	339	362	540	497
Administration	875	918	842	903
Plant operations	750	768	976	1,027
Food service	238	246	358	438
Transportation	283	306	457	417
Total operational	6,790	7,517	8,382	8,905
Land and buildings	817	540	1,683	1,086
Equipment	464	469	540	496
Interest	361	342	254	261
Other	392	472	172	180
Total nonoperational	2,034	1,823	2,649	2,023
Total per pupil spending	\$ 8,824	\$ 9,340	\$ 11,031	\$ 10,928

Percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2014 versus 2019)

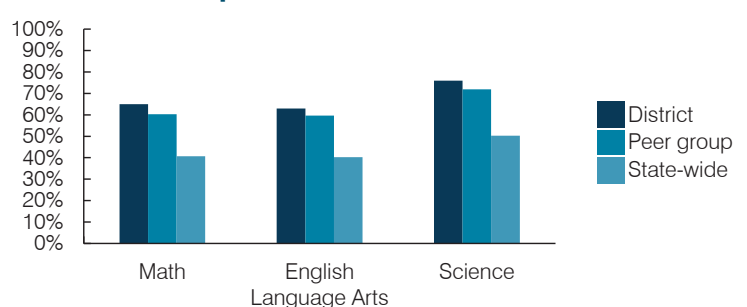


Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019
Students per teacher	18.4	18.1	16.9
Average years of teacher experience	9.0	8.9	9.2
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	26%	27%	24%

Students who passed State assessments²



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

² School letter grades are available at <https://azreportcards.azed.gov>.