

Higley Unified School District

Maricopa County

Efficiency peer groups 2 and T-4, Achievement peer group 1

Legislative district(s): 12

District size / location:

Large, Suburb

Students attending:

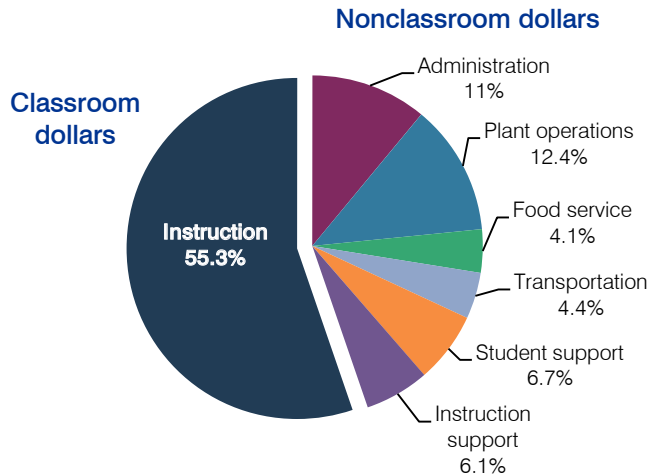
9,887

Number of schools:

10

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Spending by operational area



5-year spending trend

After initially increasing, total spending per pupil returned to 2007 levels, but spending in the classroom was lower, decreasing from 57.7 to 55.3 percent. Spending on plant operations increased and spending on instruction support increased substantially. Spending on other nonclassroom areas remained fairly stable.

Cost measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$657	\$636	\$736
	Students per administrator	84	68	66
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$5.25	\$6.49	\$6.09
	Square footage per student	142	144	152
Food service	Cost per meal equivalent	\$2.64	\$2.34	\$2.47
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$4.31	\$3.62	\$3.50
	Cost per rider	\$1,287	\$1,088	\$982

Very low Low Comparable High Very high

Per-pupil spending by operational area

	District		Peer average	State average	National average
	2011	2012	2012	2012	2010
Total	\$6,024	\$5,974	\$6,835	\$7,475	\$10,652
Classroom dollars	3,264	3,302	3,705	4,053	6,526
Nonclassroom dollars:	2,760	2,672	3,130	3,422	4,126
Administration	652	657	636	736	1,139
Plant operations	748	743	929	928	1,012
Food service	286	245	316	382	405
Transportation	275	264	352	362	443
Student support	448	401	510	578	592
Instruction support	351	362	387	436	535

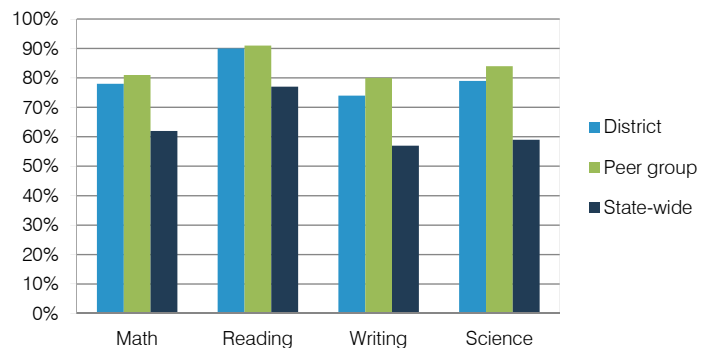
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, TEACHER MEASURES, AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

ADE-reported district and school letter grades

District grade: **A**

Grade	Number of schools	Percentage of schools
A	8	80%
B	2	20%
C	0	0%
D	0	0%
F	0	0%
Not rated	0	0%

Percentage of students who met state standards (AIMS)



Student and teacher measures

Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Attendance rate	95%	95%	94%
Graduation rate (2011)	86%	91%	78%
Poverty rate (2011)	9%	8%	25%
Students per teacher	20.2	18.1	18.1
Average teacher salary	\$42,960	\$41,564	\$45,193
Amount from Proposition 301	\$4,412	\$3,385	\$3,195
Average years of teacher experience	7.9	10.7	11.0
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	12%	14%	16%

Financial stress assessment

Overall financial stress level: **Low**

Measure: 2010 through 2012

Assessment

Number of students attending	Increase
Spending exceeded operating/capital budgets	No overspending
Spending increase election results	Voter-rejected
Operating reserve percentage (max. 4%), trend	3.2%, Increasing
Years of capital reserve held	1 to 3 years
Current financial and internal control status	Compliant

Stress level

