

J.O. Combs Unified School District

Pinal County

Peer group(s): Operational 3 and Transportation 3¹

Legislative district(s): 8 and 16

District location: Suburb

Number of schools: 7

Graduation rate (2019): 88%

Students attending; Size: 4,309; Medium-large

5-year change in students attending: Less than 1%

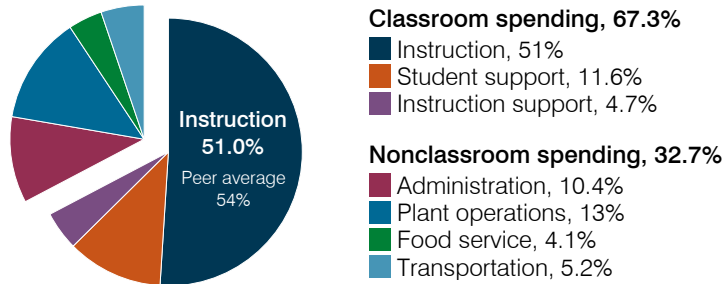
Special education population: 15%

English learner population: 3%

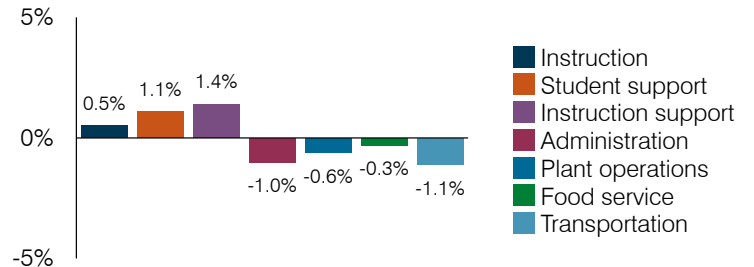
Poverty rate (2019): 9%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 42%

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 | \$804 | \$937 | \$936 |
| | Students per administrative position | 71 | 65 | 65 |
| Plant operations | Cost per square foot | \$6.35 | \$6.03 | \$6.55 |
| | Square footage per student | 158 | 164 | 160 |
| Food service | Cost per meal | \$3.31 | \$3.64 | \$3.46 |
| Transportation | Cost per mile | \$3.92 | \$4.60 | \$4.28 |
| | Cost per rider | \$964 | \$1,301 | \$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 | 2006 | 2019 | 2020 |
| 49.2% | 59.8% | 51.4% | 51.0% |

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

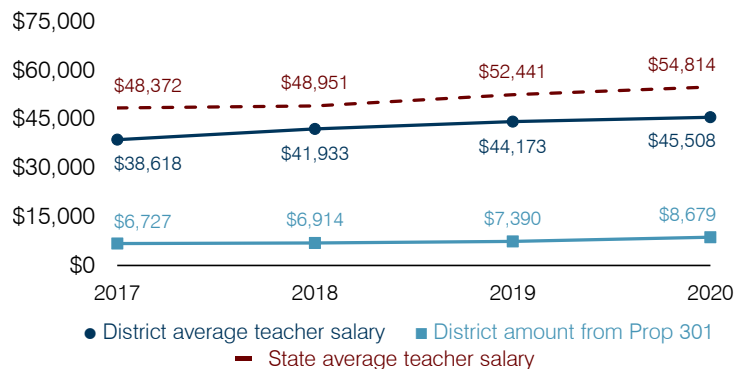
| | District | Peer average |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Total federal relief grant spending | \$ 15,302 | \$ 49,386 |
| Per pupil federal relief grant spending | \$ 4 | \$ 10 |

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 | \$ 3,903 | \$ 3,962 | \$ 4,606 | \$ 5,016 |
| Student support | 853 | 904 | 805 | 796 |
| Instruction support | 369 | 369 | 374 | 513 |
| Nonclassroom spending | | | | |
| Administration | 772 | 804 | 937 | 936 |
| Plant operations | 952 | 1,007 | 1,034 | 1,048 |
| Food service | 310 | 317 | 340 | 432 |
| Transportation | 439 | 405 | 450 | 395 |
| Total operational | 7,598 | 7,768 | 8,546 | 9,136 |
| Land and buildings | 3,057 | 1,738 | 779 | 1,053 |
| Equipment | 661 | 1,006 | 519 | 533 |
| Interest | 273 | 389 | 284 | 273 |
| Other | 170 | 183 | 160 | 175 |
| Total nonoperational | 4,161 | 3,316 | 1,742 | 2,034 |
| Total per pupil spending | \$ 11,759 | \$ 11,084 | \$ 10,288 | \$ 11,170 |

Average teacher salary and other measures



| Measure | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Students per teacher | 20.9 | 20.7 | 19.1 | 19.7 |
| Average years of teacher experience | 7.6 | 8.5 | 10.5 | 10.8 |
| Percentage of teachers in first 3 years | 38% | 35% | 22% | 18% |

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