Liberty Elementary School District

Maricopa County
Efficiency peer groups 8 and T-4, Achievement peer group 12[1]
Legislative district(s): 4 and 13
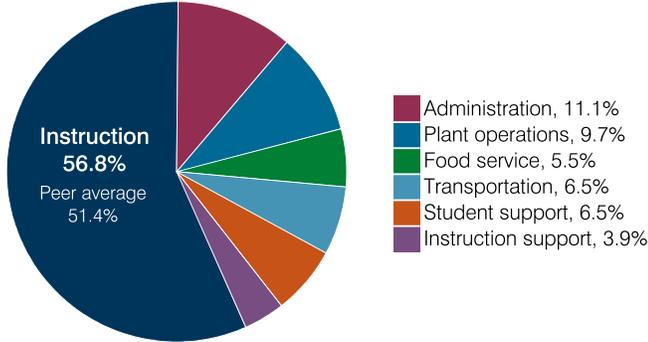
District size, location:	Medium-large, Suburb
Students attending:	3,303
Number of schools:	6

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Spending by operational area

Instruction 56.8%
Peer average 51.4%

- Administration, 11.1%
- Plant operations, 9.7%
- Food service, 5.5%
- Transportation, 6.5%
- Student support, 6.5%
- Instruction support, 3.9%

Efficiency measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	$824	$1,025	$860
	Students per administrative position	77	67	66
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	$5.21	$6.61	$6.34
	Square footage per student	138	143	156
Food service	Cost per meal	$3.31	$2.92	$3.02
Transportation	Cost per mile	$3.50	$3.72	$4.05
	Cost per rider	$1,353	$1,330	$1,301

Very low	Low	Comparable	High	Very high

Per pupil spending

	District		Peer average	State average
Spending by area	2017	2018	2018	2018
Instruction	$ 3,971	$ 4,210	$ 4,392	$ 4,480
Administration	745	824	1,025	860
Plant operations	676	717	971	988
Food service	427	407	659	425
Transportation	438	481	331	388
Student support	424	479	631	693
Instruction support	268	291	546	462
Total operational	6,949	7,409	8,555	8,296
Land and buildings	344	753	1,140	827
Equipment	226	472	697	409
Interest	190	191	327	228
Other	104	94	172	169
Total nonoperational	864	1,510	2,336	1,633
Total per pupil spending	$ 7,813	$ 8,919	$10,891	$ 9,929

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

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, STUDENT AND TEACHER MEASURES, AND REVENUES

ADE-assigned school letter grades

Grade	Number of schools	Percentage of schools
A	1	17%
B	3	50%
C	2	33%
D	0	0%
F	0	0%

Students who passed State assessments

- District
- Peer group
- State-wide
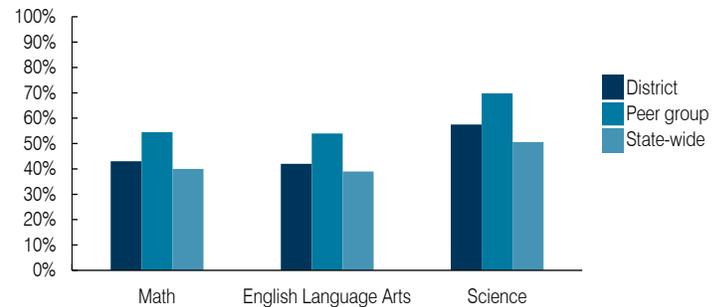
Student and teacher measures

Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Attendance rate	94%	95%	94%
Graduation rate (2017)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Poverty rate (2017)	12%	11%	19%
Special education population	13%	10%	12%
Students per teacher	17.4	18.8	18.4
Average teacher salary	$44,825	$47,982	$48,951
Amount from Prop 301	$6,186	$6,094	$6,411
Average years of teacher experience	11.2	10.3	11.4
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	16%	17%	19%

Per pupil revenues

	District		Peer average	State average
Revenues by source	2017	2018	2018	2018
Federal	$ 690	$ 682	$ 1,723	$ 1,317
State	4,786	4,926	3,921	4,011
Local	2,856	2,989	4,869	4,592
Total per pupil revenues	$ 8,332	$ 8,597	$10,513	$ 9,920

Select revenues from common sources

	District		Peer average	State average
	2017	2018	2018	2018
Equalization formula funding	$ 5,354	$ 5,448	$ 5,175	$ 5,585
Grants	946	1,124	1,843	1,241
Donations and tax credits	50	62	54	90

Select revenues from less common sources			Number of peers receiving
Desegregation	$ 0	$ 0	4 of 19
Small school adjustment	0	0	0 of 19
Federal impact aid	0	0	0 of 19
Voter-approved levy increases	1,141	1,142	19 of 19

Instructional spending percentage

Year:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Percentage:	60.0	62.5	64.4	64.3	62.4	62.1	62.9	61.0	60.3	59.7	57.7	59.3	58.9	59.0	58.8	56.7	57.1	56.8

TRENDS AND FINANCIAL STRESS ASSESSMENT
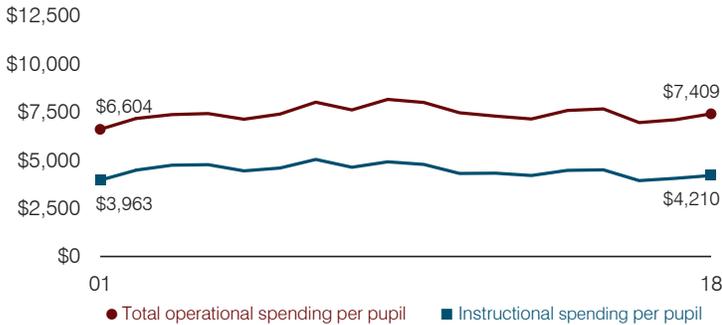### Fiscal years as indicated

Students attending
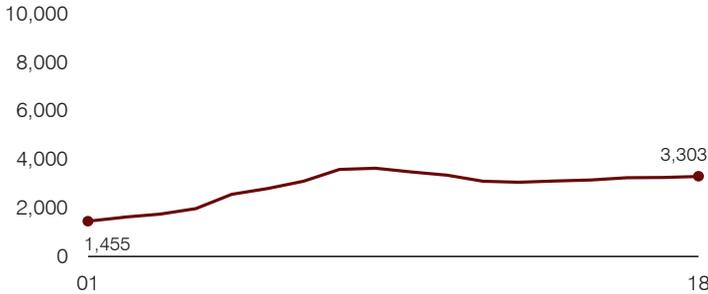
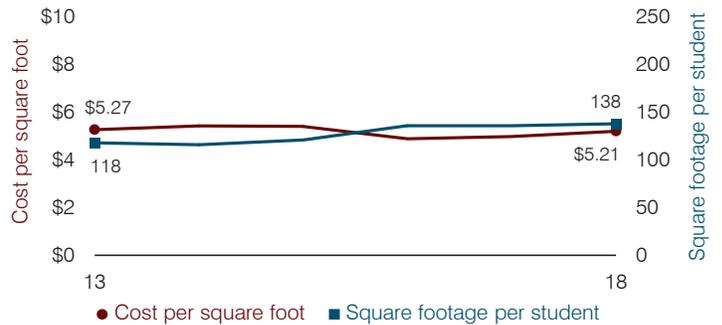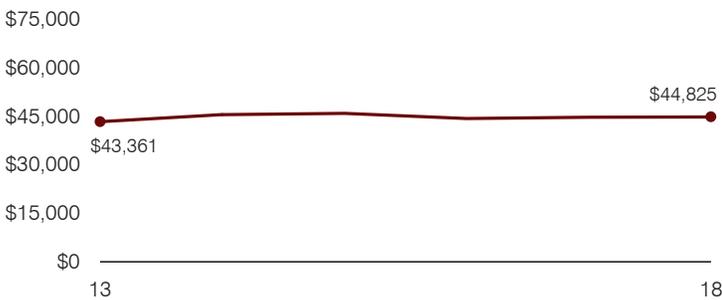### Administrative cost per pupil
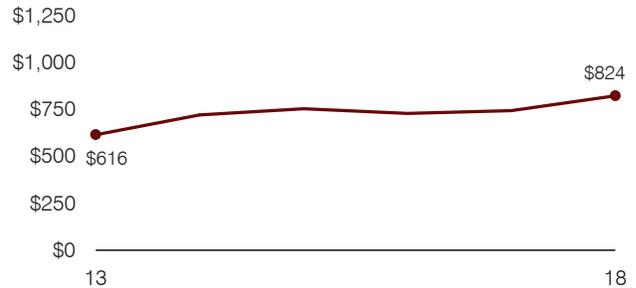
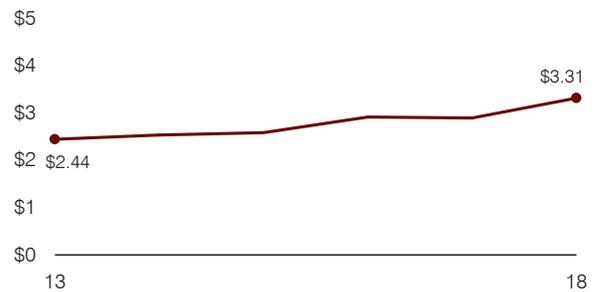### Total operational and instructional spending per pupil (inflation adjusted to 2018 dollars)

- Total operational spending per pupil
- Instructional spending per pupil

Plant cost per square foot and square footage per student

- Cost per square foot
- Square footage per student

Average teacher salary

Food service cost per meal

Financial stress assessment

Overall financial stress level: **Low**

Measure: 2016 through 2018	Assessment
Change in number of district students	Steady
Spending exceeded operating/capital budgets	No overspending
Spending increase election results	Voter-approved
Operating reserve percentage, Trend	7.4%, Varying
Years of capital reserve held	More than 3 years
Current financial and internal control status	Compliant

Low	Moderate	High

Transportation costs per mile and per rider

- Cost per mile
- Cost per rider