

# Classroom Dollars and Proposition 301 Results

## Mesa Unified School District

Maricopa County

District size: Very Large  
 Students attending: 68,889  
 Number of schools: 88  
 Number of certified teachers: 3,850

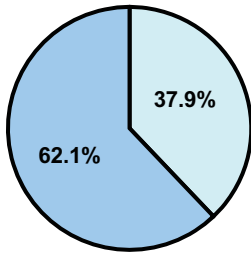
### Classroom Dollars

Fiscal year 2007 averages per pupil

District

State

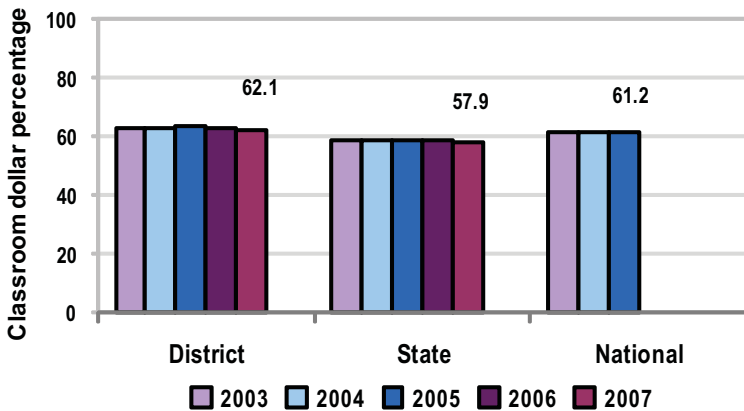
Classroom  
\$4,571  
\$4,277



Nonclassroom  
\$2,788  
\$3,105

Total  
\$7,359  
\$7,382

5-year comparison



Expenditures by function

	Percentage					State 2007	National 2005
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
Classroom dollars	63.0	63.1	63.3	62.7	62.1	57.9	61.2
Nonclassroom dollars:							
Administration	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	9.5	11.0
Plant operations	10.2	10.7	10.1	10.2	10.3	11.3	9.6
Food service	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.7	3.9
Transportation	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.1
Student support	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.8	7.3	5.2
Instruction support	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.8	4.8
Other	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2

### Comparative Information

	District			State
	2005	2006	2007	2007
Student/teacher ratio	18.8	18.4	17.9	17.4
Average teacher salary	\$46,683	\$48,507	\$55,527	\$43,833
Average years' experience	10.6	10.4	10.4	8.1

Classroom dollar ranking: 22 of 229 districts.

### Proposition 301

#### District-reported 2007 results

##### Teacher pay

- On average, each teacher earned an additional \$6,276 in salary; each librarian and counselor earned between \$3,720 and \$5,567; and each instructional aide earned an additional \$1,500.

##### Performance

- The District accomplished most of its goals, which were based on district and school performance.
- Students' AIMS test scores increased.
- Graduation and attendance rates increased.
- The District achieved most of its goals related to the results of a parent-student satisfaction survey.

##### Menu

- In addition to increasing eligible employee compensation, monies were used to hire 7 new teachers and 79 instructional assistants to reduce class sizes at 28 schools. For AIMS intervention, 84 percent of schools hired tutors who provided before- and after-school tutoring, and 9 schools provided summer and/or Saturday schools. 44 schools used menu monies for professional development, such as trainings and conferences.
- For dropout prevention, 25 schools provided various alternative learning centers, which the District states resulted in fewer suspensions.