

Palo Verde Elementary School District

Maricopa County

Peer group(s): Operational 10 and Transportation 7¹

Legislative district(s): 4 and 13

District location: Rural

Number of schools: 1

Graduation rate (2019): N/A

Students attending; Size: 437; Small

5-year change in students attending: 1% increase

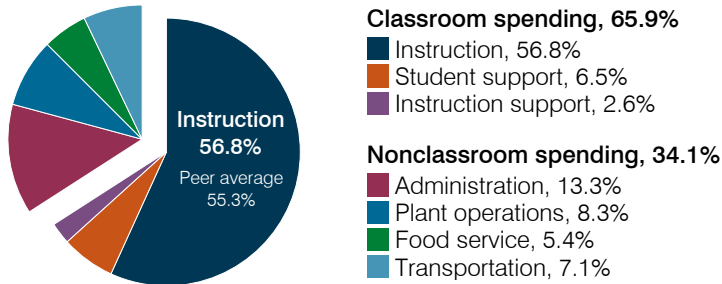
Special education population: 12%

English learner population: 13%

Poverty rate (2019): 23%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 72%

Spending by operational area



Operational measures relative to peer averages

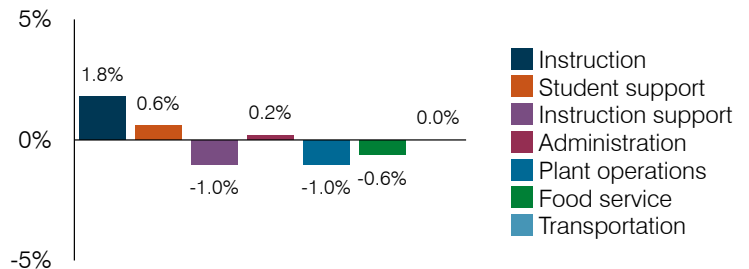
Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$1,400	\$1,249	\$936
	Students per administrative position	56	57	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$5.68	\$7.03	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	153	193	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$4.65	\$3.71	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$3.40	\$3.84	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,093	\$1,110	\$1,370

Very low Low Comparable High Very high

Per pupil spending by area

Area	District		Peer average 2020	State average 2020
	2019	2020		
Classroom spending				
Instruction	\$ 6,149	\$ 5,978	\$ 5,810	\$ 5,016
Student support	574	684	586	796
Instruction support	268	278	392	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	1,378	1,400	1,249	936
Plant operations	919	869	1,129	1,048
Food service	618	567	561	432
Transportation	806	746	612	395
Total operational	10,712	10,522	10,339	9,136
Land and buildings	547	3,331	554	1,053
Equipment	688	682	713	533
Interest	39	33	42	273
Other	0	0	93	175
Total nonoperational	1,274	4,046	1,402	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 11,986	\$ 14,568	\$11,741	\$11,170

Percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2015 versus 2020)



Lowest, highest, and 2 most recent fiscal years' instructional spending percentages between 2001 and 2020

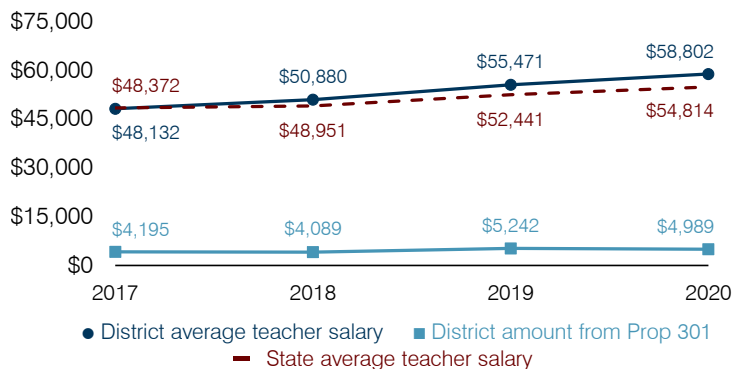
Lowest	Highest	Most recent years	
2014	2002	2019	2020
49.4%	58.3%	57.4%	56.8%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 46,155	\$ 42,596
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 106	\$ 121

Districts can use COVID-19 federal relief grants from March 2020 through September 2022. Amounts above were used by June 30, 2020.

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	18.5	19.2	17.8	20.5
Average years of teacher experience	13.0	14.1	15.3	14.4
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	9%	4%	0%	14%

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