

Payson Unified School District

Gila County

Peer group(s): Operational 4 and Transportation 8¹

Legislative district(s): 6

District location: Town

Number of schools: 5

Graduation rate (2019): 68%

Students attending; Size: 2,312; Medium-large

5-year change in students attending: 2% increase

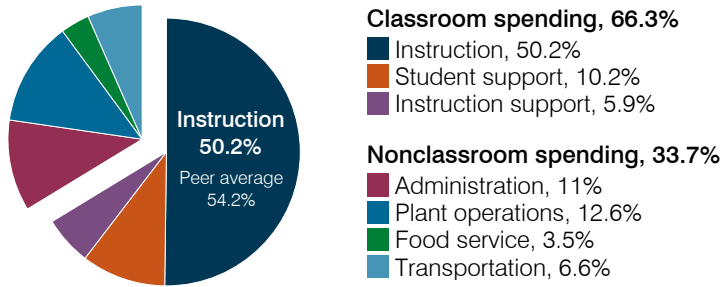
Special education population: 16%

English learner population: 2%

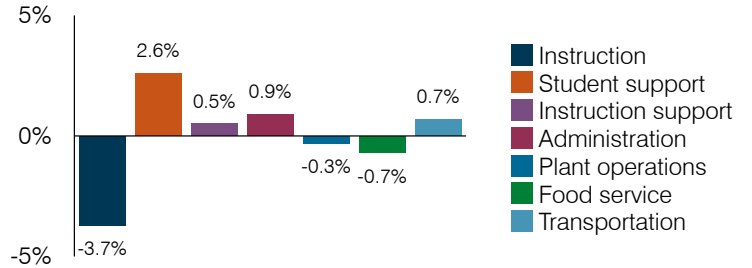
Poverty rate (2019): 26%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 51%

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	\$952	\$929	\$936
	Students per administrative position	60	73	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.27	\$5.79	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	174	180	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.01	\$3.39	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$4.84	\$3.43	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,606	\$1,480	\$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	
2018	2003	2019	2020
49.7%	61.5%	50.5%	50.2%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

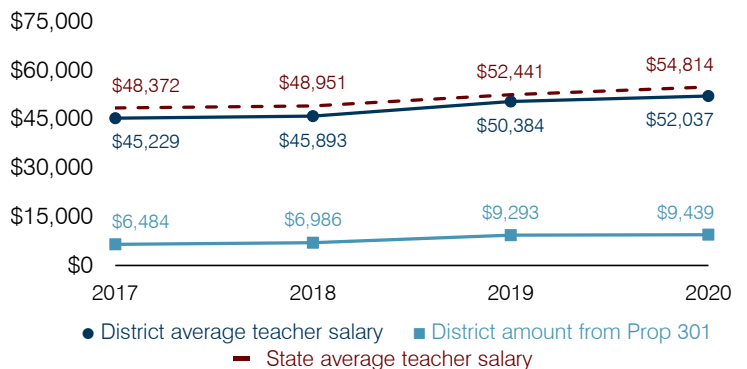
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 443,804	\$ 202,651
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 192	\$ 40

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	\$ 4,403	\$ 4,359	\$ 4,706	\$ 5,016
Student support	834	884	687	796
Instruction support	523	521	448	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	881	952	929	936
Plant operations	1,123	1,093	998	1,048
Food service	355	302	424	432
Transportation	600	576	408	395
Total operational	8,719	8,687	8,600	9,136
Land and buildings	286	431	419	1,053
Equipment	300	509	430	533
Interest	610	544	176	273
Other	5	3	48	175
Total nonoperational	1,201	1,487	1,073	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 9,920	\$ 10,174	\$ 9,673	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	20.0	20.5	19.9	20.7
Average years of teacher experience	13.1	13.2	16.4	17.1
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	18%	11%	10%	3%

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