

Safford Unified School District

Graham County

Efficiency peer groups 4 and T-6, Achievement peer group 5

Legislative district(s): 14

District size, location:

Medium-large, Town

Students attending¹:

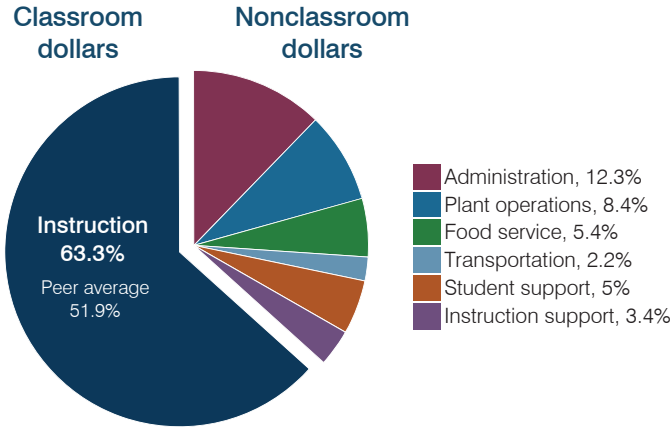
3,053

Number of schools:

6

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Spending by operational area



Efficiency measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$865	\$791	\$806
	Students per administrative position	75	69	67
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$3.75	\$5.35	\$6.10
	Square footage per student	157	191	154
Food service	Cost per meal	\$2.83	\$2.94	\$2.81
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$2.49	\$3.68	\$3.72
	Cost per rider	\$479	\$543	\$1,092

Per pupil spending

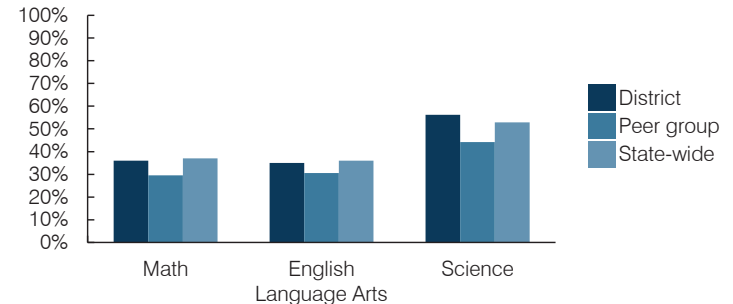
Spending by area	District		Peer average 2016	State average 2016
	2015	2016		
Instruction	\$ 4,706	\$ 4,466	\$ 3,915	\$ 4,145
Administration	718	865	791	806
Plant operations	566	589	987	939
Food service	369	384	402	415
Transportation	169	152	405	364
Student support	366	356	588	633
Instruction support	214	242	473	444
Total operational	\$ 7,108	\$ 7,054	\$ 7,561	\$ 7,746
Land and buildings	\$ 199	\$ 274	\$ 232	\$ 621
Equipment	309	168	291	400
Interest	38	25	195	216
Other	39	33	69	153
Total nonoperational	\$ 585	\$ 500	\$ 787	\$ 1,390
Total per pupil spending	\$ 7,693	\$ 7,554	\$ 8,348	\$ 9,136

STUDENT AND TEACHER MEASURES, FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT, AND REVENUES

Student and teacher measures

Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Attendance rate (2015)	94%	93%	94%
Graduation rate (2015)	84%	83%	78%
Poverty rate (2015)	23%	24%	23%
Students per teacher	19.1	16.5	18.6
Average teacher salary	\$52,524	\$44,919	\$46,384
Amount from Proposition 301	\$5,912	\$5,307	\$5,315
Average years of teacher experience	13.6	12.0	11.0
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	13%	17%	20%

Students who passed state assessments



Financial stress assessment

Overall financial stress level: **Moderate**

Measure: 2014 through 2016

Measure	Assessment
Change in number of district students	Moderate decrease
Spending exceeded operating/capital budgets	Capital only
Spending increase election results	Mixed election results
Operating reserve percentage, Trend	3.5%, Decreasing
Years of capital reserve held	1 to 3 years
Current financial and internal control status	Compliant

Low	Moderate	High
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Per pupil revenues

Revenues by source	District		Peer average 2016	State average 2016
	2015	2016		
Federal	\$ 998	\$ 859	\$ 2,396	\$ 1,301
State	3,694	3,951	3,985	3,780
Local	3,067	2,327	3,109	4,268
Total revenues per pupil	\$ 7,759	\$ 7,137	\$ 9,490	\$ 9,349

Select revenues from common sources

Source	District	Peer average	State average
Equalization formula funding	\$ 4,876	\$ 4,945	\$ 5,347
Grants	1,133	956	1,480
Donations and tax credits	103	33	53

Select revenues from less common sources

Source	District	Peer average	State average
Desegregation	\$ 0	\$ 0	1 of 18
Small school adjustment	0	0	0 of 18
Federal impact aid	0	0	7 of 18
Voter-approved levy increases	471	196	15 of 18

¹ District is working with the Arizona Department of Education to resolve student count discrepancy. See Appendix B, page b-5.

Classroom dollar percentage

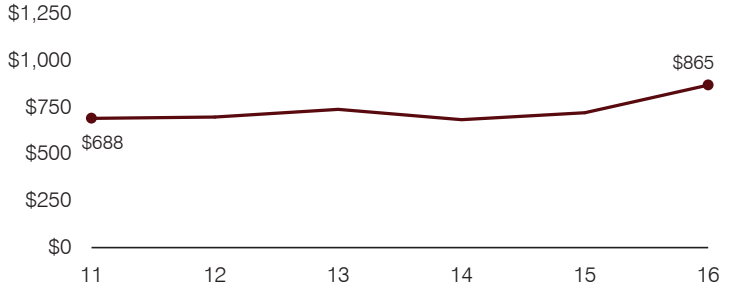
Year:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Percentage:	58.3	59.8	58.7	59.1	58.1	60.4	60.0	62.7	63.1	60.9	62.8	61.2	63.5	65.1	66.2	63.3

OPERATIONAL TRENDS
Fiscal years as indicated

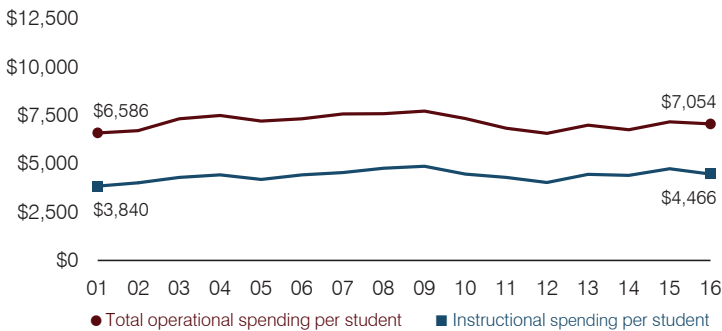
5-year spending trend (2011 through 2016)

Total operational spending per pupil, adjusted for inflation, increased by 3 percent. The percentage of dollars spent in the classroom varied year to year, ranging from a high of 66.2 to a low of 61.2 percent. Overall, as a percentage of total operational spending, transportation decreased and plant operations decreased slightly, while administration increased. Other nonclassroom areas varied year to year.

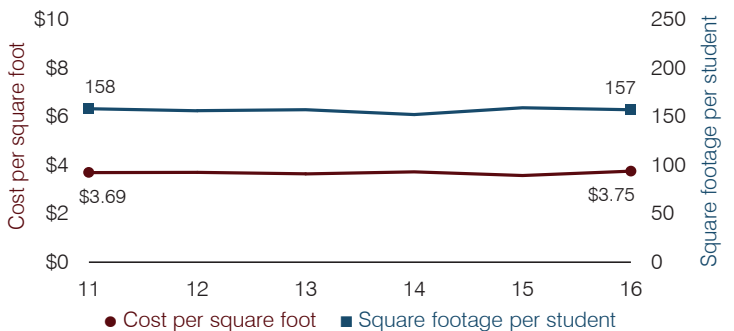
Administrative cost per pupil



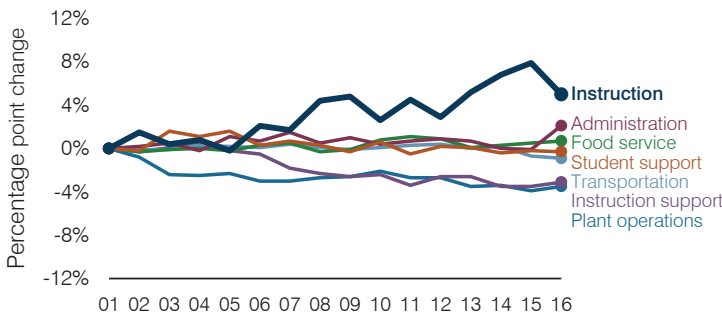
Total operational and instructional spending per pupil (inflation adjusted to 2016 dollars)



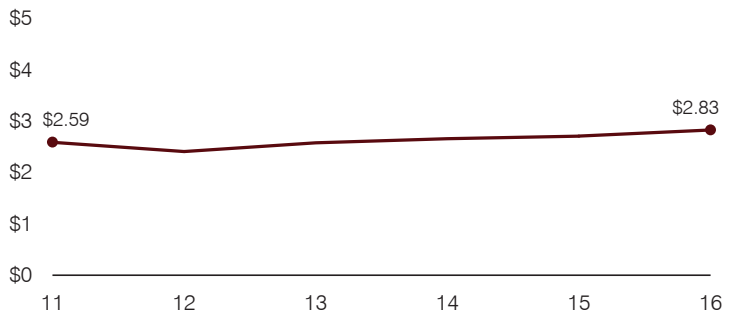
Plant cost per square foot and square footage per student



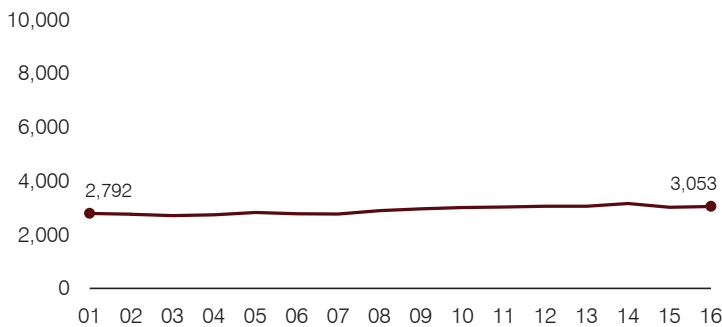
Changes in operational spending percentages



Food service cost per meal



Students attending



Transportation costs per mile and per rider

