

Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District

Santa Cruz County

Peer group(s): Operational 4 and Transportation 7¹

Legislative district(s): 2

District location: Town

Number of schools: 5

Graduation rate (2019): 93%

Students attending; Size: 3,385; Medium-large

5-year change in students attending: 5% increase

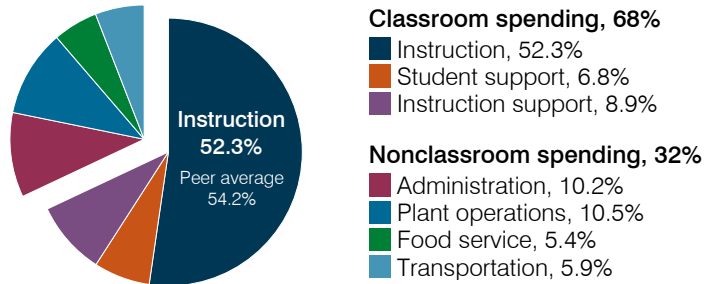
Special education population: 10%

English learner population: 14%

Poverty rate (2019): 22%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 75%

Spending by operational area



Operational measures relative to peer averages

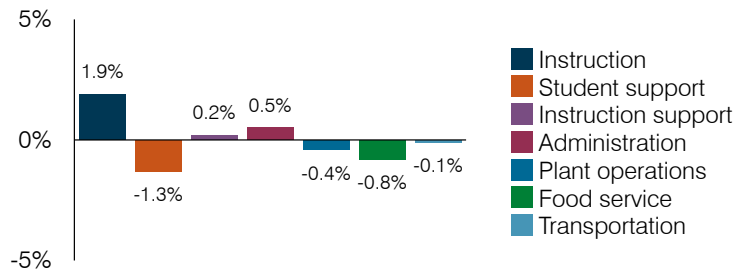
Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$844	\$929	\$936
	Students per administrative position	67	73	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.00	\$5.79	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	145	180	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$2.88	\$3.39	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$3.49	\$3.84	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$879	\$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	\$ 4,309	\$ 4,337	\$ 4,706	\$ 5,016
Student support	701	562	687	796
Instruction support	720	742	448	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	779	844	929	936
Plant operations	899	871	998	1,048
Food service	461	453	424	432
Transportation	518	488	408	395
Total operational	8,387	8,297	8,600	9,136
Land and buildings	131	81	419	1,053
Equipment	189	398	430	533
Interest	38	33	176	273
Other	39	30	48	175
Total nonoperational	397	542	1,073	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 8,784	\$ 8,839	\$ 9,673	\$ 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

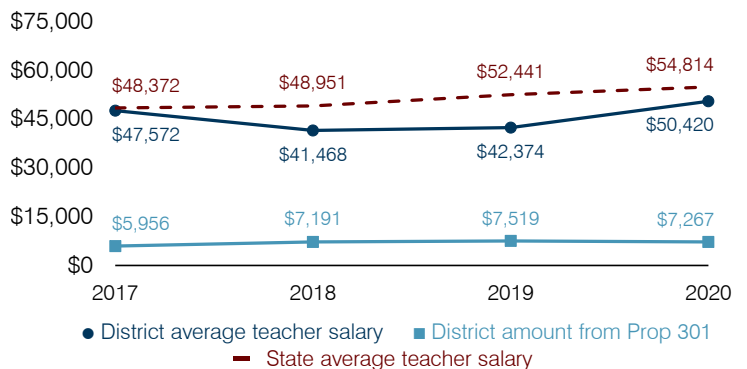
Lowest	Highest	Most recent years	
2013	2006	2019	2020
48.7%	59.0%	51.4%	52.3%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 27,461	\$ 202,651
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 8	\$ 40

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	20.0	16.6	16.5	19.8
Average years of teacher experience	10.6	10.5	11.4	11.3
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	14%	18%	15%	15%

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