Wickenburg Unified School District
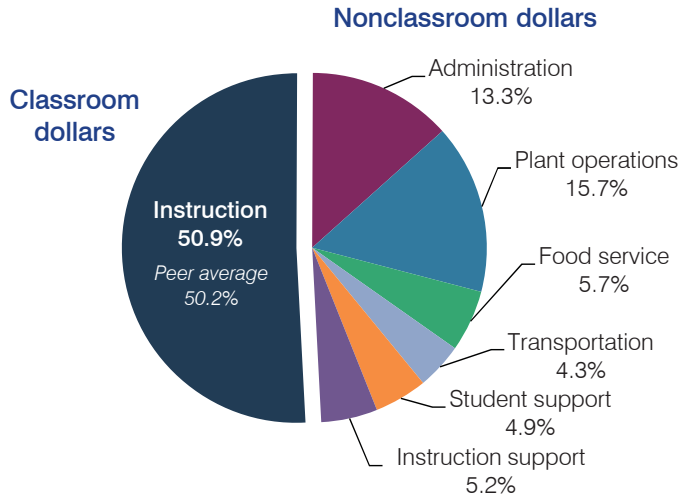
Maricopa County
Efficiency peer groups 5 and T-9, Achievement peer group 5
Legislative district(s): 1, 13, and 22

District size, location:	Medium, Rural
Students attending:	1,478
Number of schools:	4

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Spending by operational area

Classroom dollars

Instruction 50.9%
Peer average 50.2%

Nonclassroom dollars

Administration 13.3%
Plant operations 15.7%
Food service 5.7%
Transportation 4.3%
Student support 4.9%
Instruction support 5.2%

Efficiency measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	$1,064	$1,075	$780
	Students per administrative position	60	58	67
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	$4.34	$4.90	$6.09
	Square footage per student	290	258	153
Food service	Cost per meal equivalent	$3.50	$3.39	$2.79
Transportation	Cost per mile	$1.94	$2.13	$3.66
	Cost per rider	$855	$958	$1,071

Very low	Low	Comparable	High	Very high

Per pupil spending

Spending by area	District 2014	District 2015	Peer average 2015	State average 2015
Instruction	$ 3,963	$ 4,087	$ 4,428	$ 4,105
Administration	941	1,064	1,075	780
Plant operations	1,153	1,256	1,203	930
Food service	448	460	428	417
Transportation	366	343	498	371
Student support	438	392	623	613
Instruction support	404	422	353	442
Total operational	**$ 7,713**	**$ 8,024**	**$ 8,608**	**$ 7,658**
Land and buildings	$ 96	$ 78	$ 504	$ 641
Equipment	430	351	492	383
Interest	289	244	248	225
Other	76	67	57	150
Total nonoperational	**$ 891**	**$ 740**	**$ 1,301**	**$ 1,399**
Total per pupil spending	**$ 8,604**	**$ 8,764**	**$ 9,909**	**$ 9,057**

STUDENT AND TEACHER MEASURES, FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT, AND REVENUE

Student and teacher measures

Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Attendance rate	95%	94%	94%
Graduation rate (2014)	78%	81%	76%
Poverty rate (2014)	26%	24%	23%
Students per teacher	17.3	16.7	18.6
Average teacher salary	$44,259	$43,855	$46,008
Average years of teacher experience	11.1	12.3	11.0
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	33%	18%	20%

Students who met state standards

Legend: District, Peer group, State-wide
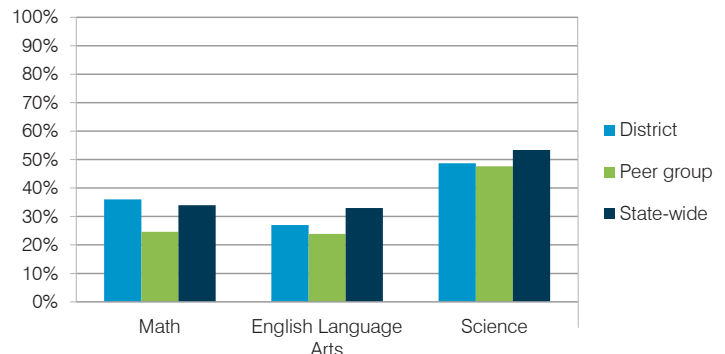
Financial stress assessment

Overall financial stress level: Low

Measure: 2013 through 2015	Assessment
Change in number of district students	Steady
Spending exceeded operating/capital budgets	No overspending
Spending increase election results	Voter-approved
Operating reserve percentage (max. 4%), trend	2.6%, Varying
Years of capital reserve held	1 to 3 years
Current financial and internal control status	Compliant

Low	Moderate	High

Per pupil revenues

Revenues by source	District 2014	District 2015	Peer average 2015	State average 2015
Federal	$ 895	$ 689	$ 3,790	$ 1,299
State	1,771	1,900	3,700	3,517
Local	7,331	7,367	4,105	4,248
Total revenues per pupil	**$ 9,997**	**$ 9,956**	**$11,595**	**$ 9,064**
Select revenues from common sources				
Equalization formula funding	$ 4,862	$ 4,890	$ 5,693	$ 5,303
Grants	946	720	1,675	1,167
Donations and tax credits	246	357	140	78

Select revenues from less common sources			Number of peers receiving
Desegregation	$ 0	$ 0	1 of 29
Small school adjustment	0	0	0 of 29
Federal impact aid	0	0	15 of 29
Voter-approved levy increases	1,709	1,720	19 of 29

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Classroom dollar percentage

Year:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Percentage:	56.1	57.1	56.0	58.1	57.3	55.0	57.2	58.8	57.7	53.5	51.6	51.0	52.8	51.4	50.9

OPERATIONAL TRENDS
Fiscal years as indicated

5-year spending trend (2010 through 2015)

Total operational spending per pupil, adjusted for inflation, increased by 3 percent. The percentage of dollars spent in the classroom varied year to year, decreasing overall from 53.5 to 50.9 percent. Overall, as a percentage of total operational spending, plant operations increased and administration and instruction support increased slightly. Other nonclassroom areas remained fairly stable.
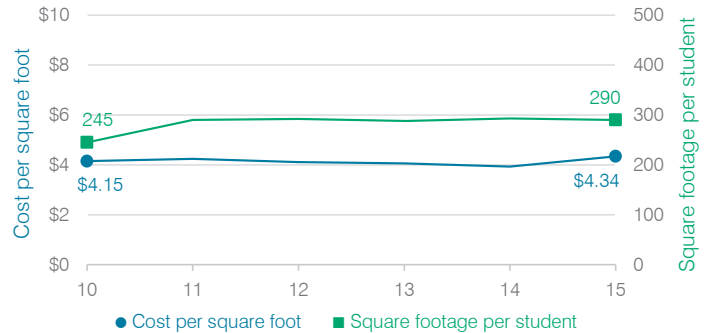
Administrative cost per student
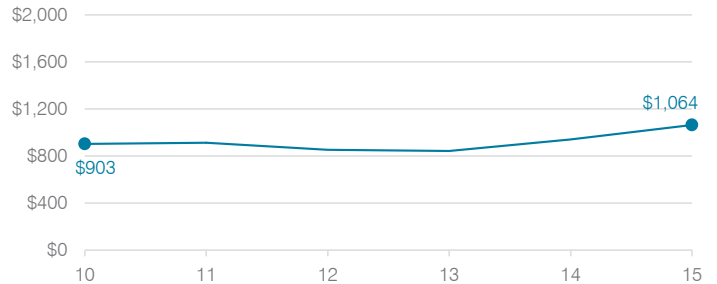
Total operational and instructional spending per student (inflation adjusted to 2015 dollars)


- Total operational spending per student
- Instructional spending per student
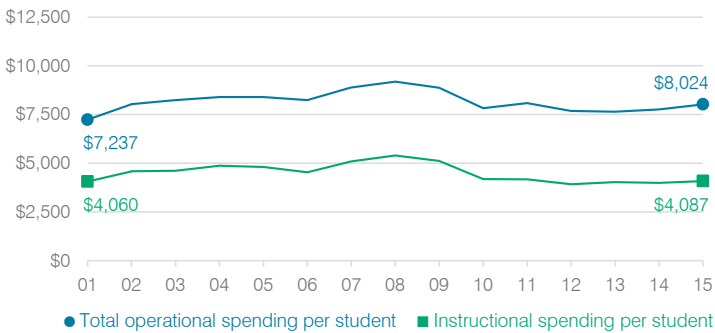
Plant cost per square foot and square footage per student

- Cost per square foot
- Square footage per student

Changes in operational spending percentages

- Instruction support
- Administration
- Student support
- Food service
- Plant operations
- Transportation
- Instruction
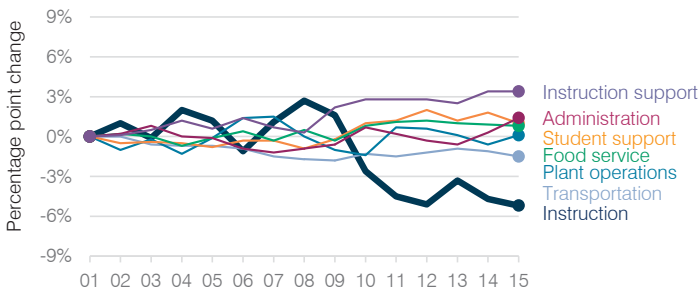
Food service cost per meal
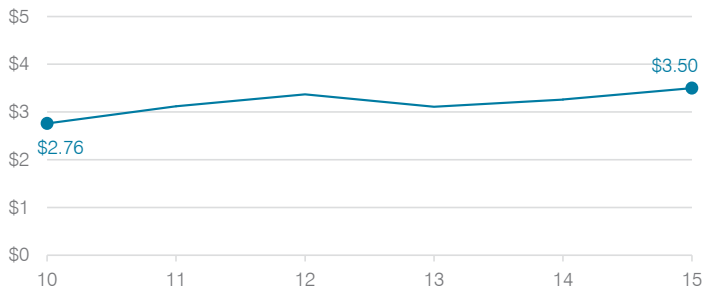
Students attending
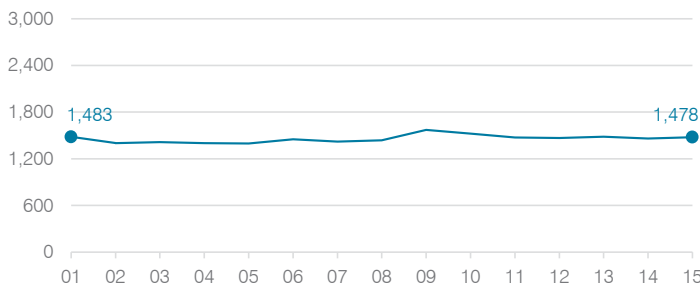
Transportation costs per mile and per rider

- Cost per mile
- Cost per rider