

Cave Creek Unified School District

Maricopa County

Peer group(s): Operational 3 and Transportation 4¹

Legislative district(s): 1, 15, and 23

District location: City

Number of schools: 7

Graduation rate (2019): 94%

Students attending; Size: 5,304; Medium-large

5-year change in students attending: 1% increase

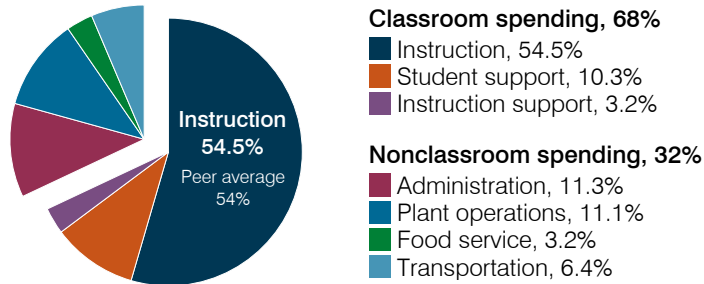
Special education population: 14%

English learner population: 1%

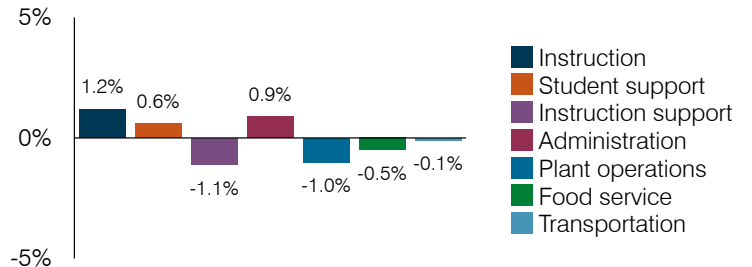
Poverty rate (2019): 7%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 8%

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	\$921	\$937	\$936
	Students per administrative position	59	65	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$4.97	\$6.03	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	182	164	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.08	\$3.64	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$3.54	\$4.22	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,372	\$1,471	\$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	
2016	2005	2019	2020
52.8%	59.7%	55.6%	54.5%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

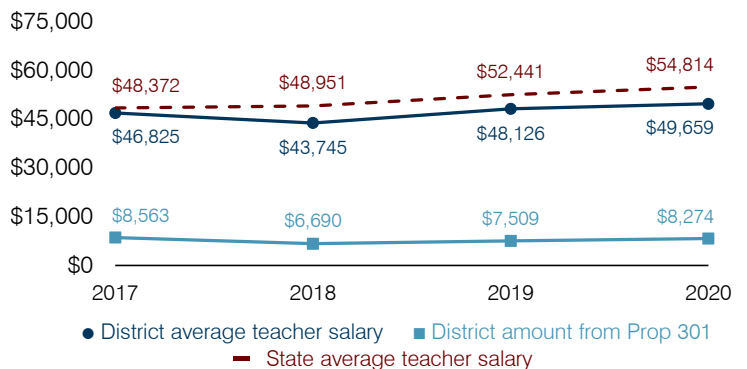
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 8,391	\$ 49,386
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 2	\$ 10

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	\$ 4,462	\$ 4,444	\$ 4,606	\$ 5,016
Student support	797	838	805	796
Instruction support	261	267	374	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	904	921	937	936
Plant operations	832	902	1,034	1,048
Food service	268	263	340	432
Transportation	507	521	450	395
Total operational	8,031	8,156	8,546	9,136
Land and buildings	593	518	779	1,053
Equipment	354	259	519	533
Interest	285	260	284	273
Other	470	430	160	175
Total nonoperational	1,702	1,467	1,742	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 9,733	\$ 9,623	\$10,288	\$11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	20.8	19.8	19.7	19.5
Average years of teacher experience	13.2	12.8	12.9	13.5
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	17%	20%	19%	19%

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