

Sunnyside Unified School District

Pima County

Peer groups: Operational 2 and T-2, Achievement 6¹

Legislative district(s): 2, 3, and 4

District location: City

Number of schools: 21

Graduation rate (2018): 78%

Students attending; Size: 15,333; Large

5-year change in students attending: 8% decrease

Special education population: 11%

English learner population: 13%

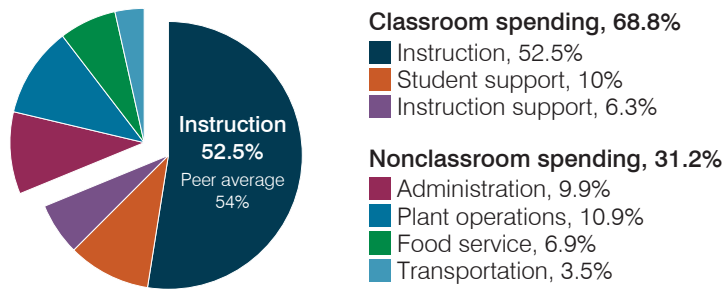
Poverty rate (2018): 31%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 81%

Instructional spending percentage by year

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
56.0	57.4	59.0	58.7	57.8	56.7	57.0	55.2	53.9	52.3	51.5	50.4	48.9	48.6	48.8	48.5	49.5	51.0	52.5

Spending by operational area



Operational measures relative to peer averages

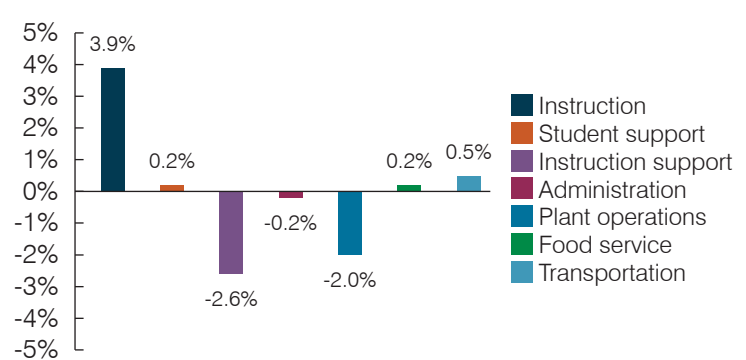
Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$785	\$842	\$903
	Students per administrative position	58	66	66
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.78	\$6.59	\$6.49
	Square footage per student	127	150	158
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.34	\$3.25	\$3.08
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	Cost per rider	\$1,040	\$1,386	\$1,424



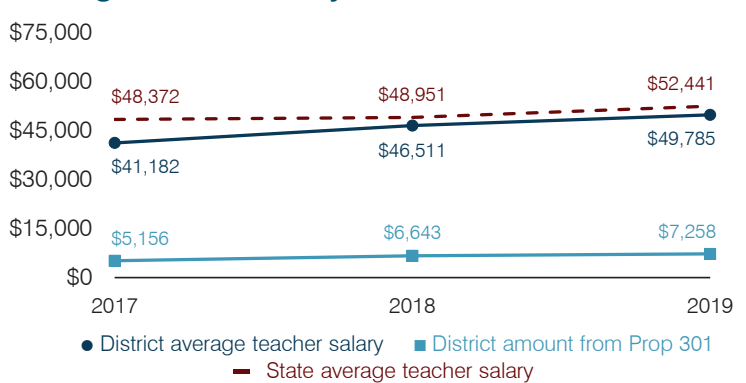
Per pupil spending

Spending by area	District		Peer average 2019	State average 2019
	2018	2019		
Instruction	\$ 3,763	\$ 4,169	\$ 4,521	\$ 4,869
Student support	737	793	688	754
Instruction support	509	500	540	497
Administration	801	785	842	903
Plant operations	811	863	976	1,027
Food service	525	551	358	438
Transportation	230	282	457	417
Total operational	7,376	7,943	8,382	8,905
Land and buildings	299	169	1,683	1,086
Equipment	267	357	540	496
Interest	166	169	254	261
Other	77	85	172	180
Total nonoperational	809	780	2,649	2,023
Total per pupil spending	\$ 8,185	\$ 8,723	\$11,031	\$10,928

Percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2014 versus 2019)

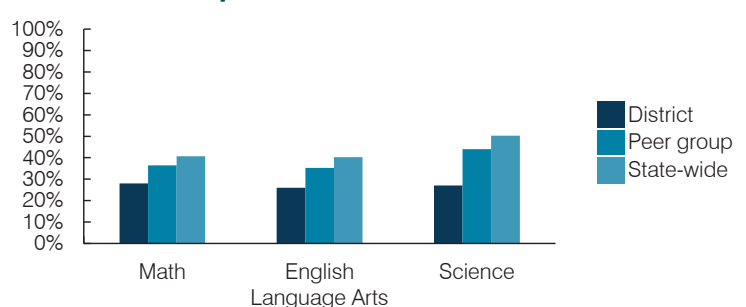


Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019
Students per teacher	18.2	20.5	18.9
Average years of teacher experience	11.7	12.1	12.1
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	20%	19%	17%

Students who passed State assessments²



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

² School letter grades are available at <https://azreportcards.azed.gov>.

Arizona Auditor General

Governing board members, superintendent, and business manager:

We have issued a special study, *Arizona School District Spending, Fiscal Year 2019*, that includes costs, operational measures, a trend of average teacher salary and other measures, and student achievement on State assessments for Sunnyside Unified School District.

As shown in the table below, the report compares your district's operational measures in 4 areas—administration, plant operations, food service, and transportation—to peers' and the State's averages. Where applicable, we show very-high-cost areas that may be of particular concern in red.

Sunnyside USD's FY2019 operational measures relative to peer averages

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