

Ajo Unified School District

Pima County

Peer group(s): Operational 6 and Transportation 9¹

Legislative district(s): 4

District location: Town

Number of schools: 2

Graduation rate (2019): 92%

Students attending; Size: 424; Small

5-year change in students attending: 6% increase

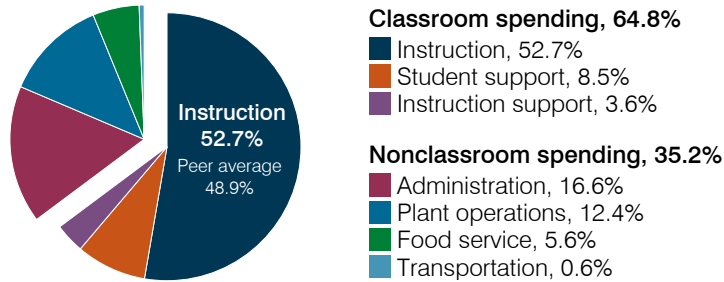
Special education population: 11%

English learner population: 21%

Poverty rate (2019): 18%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 73%

Spending by operational area



Operational measures relative to peer averages

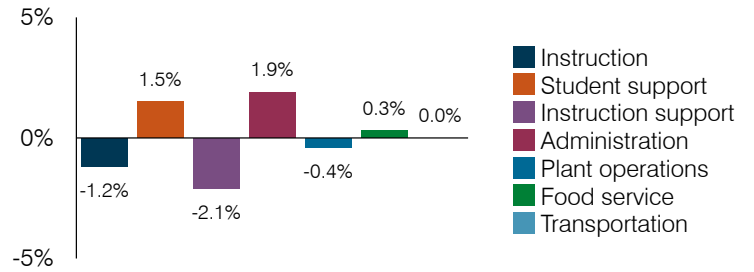
Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$1,590	\$1,873	\$936
	Students per administrative position	40	44	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$4.71	\$5.44	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	253	354	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$3.97	\$4.30	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$2.00	\$2.67	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,266	\$1,471	\$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	\$ 4,912	\$ 5,068	\$ 6,058	\$ 5,016
Student support	739	814	721	796
Instruction support	564	344	370	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	1,482	1,590	1,873	936
Plant operations	1,175	1,190	1,803	1,048
Food service	493	542	633	432
Transportation	109	60	565	395
Total operational	9,474	9,608	12,023	9,136
Land and buildings	1,685	3,219	2,316	1,053
Equipment	348	407	895	533
Interest	0	0	190	273
Other	196	212	57	175
Total nonoperational	2,229	3,838	3,458	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 11,703	\$ 13,446	\$15,481	\$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

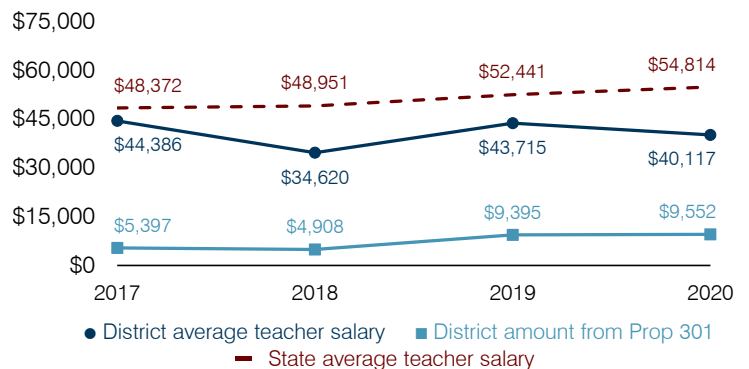
Lowest	Highest	Most recent years	
2013	2002	2019	2020
49.8%	61.7%	51.8%	52.7%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 8,506	\$ 5,173
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 20	\$ 23

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	16.1	14.0	18.9	20.7
Average years of teacher experience	14.4	9.7	10.7	10.2
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	21%	52%	26%	17%

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