Arizona Auditor General
Arizona School District Spending Report
Fiscal Year 2018

This document provides a text-based representation of the numbers and other information presented in the graphics on Pendergast Elementary School District’s summary pages. All data is for fiscal year 2018 unless otherwise noted.

Descriptive information
District name:  Pendergast Elementary School District
County:  Maricopa
Operational efficiency peer group:  7
Transportation efficiency peer group:  T-2
Student achievement peer group:  13
Legislative district(s):  19 and 29
District size:  Large
Location:  City
Students attending:  9,488
Number of schools:  12

Operational Efficiency
Pie chart showing spending by operational area
Instruction:  53.4%
Peer average instruction:  53.5%
Administration:  10.6%
Plant operations:  11.6%
Food service:  8.1%
Transportation:  2.5%
Student support:  8.2%
Instruction support:  5.6%

Table showing efficiency measures relative to peer averages
Operational area—Administration
District administration cost per pupil:  $786
Peer average administration cost per pupil:  $796
District’s administration cost per pupil relative to peer average:  Comparable
State average administration cost per pupil:  $860
District students per administrative position:  84
Peer average students per administrative position:  76
State average students per administrative position:  66
District’s overall administration measure relative to peer average:  Comparable
Operational area—Plant operations
District plant operations cost per square foot: $6.57
Peer average plant operations cost per square foot: $6.16
District’s plant operations cost per square foot relative to peer average: High
State average plant operations cost per square foot: $6.34
District plant operations square footage per student: 132
Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 133
District’s plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average: Comparable
State average plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average: 156
District’s overall plant operations measures relative to peer average: High

Operational area—Food service
District food service cost per meal: $2.65
Peer average food service cost per meal: $2.99
District’s food service cost per meal relative to peer average: Low
State average food service cost per meal: $3.02
District’s overall food service measure relative to peer average: Low

Operational area—Transportation
District transportation cost per mile: $6.00
Peer average transportation cost per mile: $5.91
District’s transportation cost per mile relative to peer average: Comparable
State average transportation cost per mile: $4.05
District transportation cost per rider: $1,201
Peer average transportation cost per rider: $1,232
District’s transportation cost per rider relative to peer average: Comparable
State average transportation cost per rider: $1,301
District’s overall transportation measures relative to peer average: Comparable

Table showing per pupil spending
Operational spending
District instruction per pupil spending: $3,974
Peer average instruction per pupil spending: $4,238
State average instruction per pupil spending: $4,480
District administration per pupil spending: $786
Peer average administration per pupil spending: $796
State average administration per pupil spending: $860
District plant operations per pupil spending: $864
Peer average plant operations per pupil spending: $815
State average plant operations per pupil spending: $985
District food service per pupil spending: $605
Peer average food service per pupil spending: $580
State average food service per pupil spending: $425
District transportation per pupil spending: $188
Peer average transportation per pupil spending: $298
State average transportation per pupil spending: $388
District student support per pupil spending: $607
Peer average student support per pupil spending: $646
State average student support per pupil spending: $693
District instruction support per pupil spending: $414
Peer average instruction support per pupil spending: $486
State average instruction support per pupil spending: $462
District total operational per pupil spending: $7,438
Peer average total operational per pupil spending: $7,859
State average total operational per pupil spending: $8,296

Nonoperational spending
District land and buildings per pupil spending: $725
Peer average land and buildings per pupil spending: $517
State average land and buildings per pupil spending: $827
District equipment per pupil spending: $662
Peer average equipment per pupil spending: $393
State average equipment per pupil spending: $409
District interest per pupil spending: $145
Peer average interest per pupil spending: $189
State average interest per pupil spending: $228
District other per pupil spending: $147
Peer average other per pupil spending: $188
State average other per pupil spending: $169
District total nonoperational per pupil spending: $1,679
Peer average total nonoperational per pupil spending: $1,287
State average total nonoperational per pupil spending: $1,633

Spending totals
District total per pupil spending: $9,117
Peer average total per pupil spending: $9,146
State average total per pupil spending: $9,929

Student achievement, student and teacher measures, and revenues
Bar chart showing Arizona Department of Education-assigned school letter grades
A letter grade: 0 schools, representing 0% of all district schools that received a letter grade
B letter grade: 3 schools, representing 25% of all district schools that received a letter grade
C letter grade: 6 schools, representing 50% of all district schools that received a letter grade
D letter grade: 3 schools, representing 25% of all district schools that received a letter grade
F letter grade: 0 schools, representing 0% of all district schools that received a letter grade

Bar chart showing the percentages of students who passed State assessments
District percentage of students who passed the State Math assessment: 29%
Peer average percentage of students who passed the State Math assessment: 32%
State average percentage of students who passed the State Math assessment: 40%
District percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 31%
Peer average percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 32%
State average percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 39%
District percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 38%
Peer average percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 44%
State average percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 51%

Table showing student and teacher measures
District attendance rate: 96%
Peer average attendance rate: 94%
State average attendance rate: 94%
District graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: N/A
Peer average graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: N/A
State average graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: 78%
District poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 22%
Peer average poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 20%
State average poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 19%
District special education population: 11%
Peer average special education population: 13%
State average special education population: 12%
District students per teacher: 21.2
Peer average students per teacher: 19.4
State average students per teacher: 18.4
District average teacher salary: $52,077
Peer districts’ average teacher salary: $45,518
State average teacher salary: $48,951
District salary amount from Prop 301: $3,912
Peer average salary amount from Prop 301: $5,403
State average salary amount from Prop 301: $6,411
District average years of teacher experience: 10.0
Peer districts’ average years of teacher experience: 7.7
State average years of teacher experience: 11.4
District percentage of teachers in first 3 years of teaching: 22%
Peer average percentage of teachers in first 3 years of teaching: 35%
State average percentage of teachers in first 3 years of teaching: 19%

Table showing per pupil revenues
District per pupil revenues from federal sources: $1,288
Peer average per pupil revenues from federal sources: $1,588
State average per pupil revenues from federal sources: $1,317
District per pupil revenues from State sources: $4,697
Peer average per pupil revenues from State sources: $4,344
State average per pupil revenues from State sources: $4,011
District per pupil revenues from local sources: $2,817
Peer average per pupil revenues from local sources: $3,644
State average per pupil revenues from local sources: $4,592
District total per pupil revenues: $8,802  
Peer average total per pupil revenues: $9,576  
State average total per pupil revenues: $9,920  

**Select revenues from common sources**  
District per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: $5,065  
Peer average per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: $5,167  
State average per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: $5,585  
District per pupil revenues from grants: $1,382  
Peer average per pupil revenues from grants: $1,650  
State average per pupil revenues from grants: $1,241  
District per pupil revenues from donations and tax credits: $35  
Peer average per pupil revenues from donations and tax credits: $46  
State average per pupil revenues from donations and tax credits: $90  

**Select revenues from less common sources**  
District per pupil desegregation revenues: $0  
Number of peers receiving desegregation revenues: 4 of 10  
District per pupil small school adjustment revenues: $0  
Number of peers receiving small school adjustment revenues: 0 of 10  
District per pupil federal impact aid revenues: $0  
Number of peers receiving federal impact aid revenues: 2 of 10  
District per pupil voter-approved levy increase revenues: $1,466  
Number of peers receiving voter-approved levy increase revenues: 10 of 10  

**Table showing District’s instructional spending percentage by fiscal year**  
2001 instructional spending percentage: 58.9%  
2002 instructional spending percentage: 57.0%  
2003 instructional spending percentage: 59.0%  
2004 instructional spending percentage: 59.1%  
2005 instructional spending percentage: 58.9%  
2006 instructional spending percentage: 59.3%  
2007 instructional spending percentage: 56.2%  
2008 instructional spending percentage: 56.3%  
2009 instructional spending percentage: 56.0%  
2010 instructional spending percentage: 55.1%  
2011 instructional spending percentage: 55.5%  
2012 instructional spending percentage: 54.2%  
2013 instructional spending percentage: 52.5%  
2014 instructional spending percentage: 51.3%  
2015 instructional spending percentage: 53.5%  
2016 instructional spending percentage: 51.4%  
2017 instructional spending percentage: 53.6%  
2018 instructional spending percentage: 53.4%
Table showing District’s financial stress assessment

Overall financial stress level: Low
Change in number of district students from 2016 through 2018: Steady
Financial stress assessment for change in the number of district students: Low
Spending exceeded operating/capital budgets from 2016 through 2018: No overspending
Financial stress assessment for spending exceeded operating/capital budgets: Low
Spending increase election results from 2016 through 2018: Voter-approved
Financial stress assessment for spending increase election results: Low
Operating reserve percentage and trend from 2016 through 2018: 6.9%, Varying
Financial stress assessment for operating reserve percentage and trend: Low
Years of capital reserve held from 2016 through 2018: 1 to 3 years
Financial stress assessment for years of capital reserve held: Moderate
Current financial and internal control status from 2016 through 2018: Compliant
Financial stress assessment for current financial and internal control status: Low