

Arizona Auditor General

Arizona School District Spending Report

Fiscal Year 2020

This document provides a text-based representation of the numbers and other information presented in the graphics on Pendergast Elementary School District's summary page. All data is for fiscal year 2020 unless otherwise noted.

Descriptive information

District name: Pendergast Elementary School District
County: Maricopa
Operational peer group: 7
Transportation peer group: 2
Legislative district(s): 19 and 29
District location: City
Number of schools: 12
Graduation rate for fiscal year 2019: N/A
Students attending: 8,550
District size: Large
5-year change in students attending: 9% decrease
Special education population: 13%
English learner population: 10%
Poverty rate for fiscal year 2019: 21%
Free/reduced meal eligibility: 71%

Pie chart showing spending by operational area

Instruction: 56.0%
Peer average instruction: 55.4%
Classroom spending, which includes instruction, student support, and instruction support spending: 69.2%
Instruction: 56.0%
Student support: 8.1%
Instruction support: 5.1%
Nonclassroom spending, which includes administration, plant operations, food service, and transportation spending: 30.8%
Administration: 10.1%
Plant operations: 11.1%
Food service: 7.1%
Transportation: 2.5%

Table showing operational measures relative to peer averages

Operational area—Administration

District administration cost per pupil: \$866

Peer average administration cost per pupil: \$911
District's administration cost per pupil relative to peer average: Comparable
State average administration cost per pupil: \$936
District students per administrative position: 83
Peer average students per administrative position: 74
State average students per administrative position: 65

Operational area—Plant operations

District plant operations cost per square foot: \$6.53
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: \$6.55
District plant operations square footage per student: 146
Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 144
District's plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average: Comparable
State average plant operations square footage per student: 160

Operational area—Food service

District food service cost per meal: \$2.71
Peer average food service cost per meal: \$3.37
District's food service cost per meal relative to peer average: Very Low
State average food service cost per meal: \$3.46

Operational area—Transportation

District transportation cost per mile: \$8.38
Peer average transportation cost per mile: \$7.11
District's transportation cost per mile relative to peer average: Very High
State average transportation cost per mile: \$4.28
District transportation cost per rider: \$1,304
Peer average transportation cost per rider: \$1,210
District's transportation cost per rider relative to peer average: High
State average transportation cost per rider: \$1,370

Table showing per pupil spending

Operational spending

2019 District instruction per pupil spending: \$4,512
2020 District instruction per pupil spending: \$4,803
2020 Peer average instruction per pupil spending: \$4,916
2020 State average instruction per pupil spending: \$5,016
2019 District student support per pupil spending: \$746
2020 District student support per pupil spending: \$695
2020 Peer average student support per pupil spending: \$745
2020 State average student support per pupil spending: \$796
2019 District instruction support per pupil spending: \$444
2020 District instruction support per pupil spending: \$439
2020 Peer average instruction support per pupil spending: \$526

2020 State average instruction support per pupil spending: \$513
2019 District administration per pupil spending: \$863
2020 District administration per pupil spending: \$866
2020 Peer average administration per pupil spending: \$911
2020 State average administration per pupil spending: \$936
2019 District plant operations per pupil spending: \$942
2020 District plant operations per pupil spending: \$953
2020 Peer average plant operations per pupil spending: \$881
2020 State average plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,048
2019 District food service per pupil spending: \$607
2020 District food service per pupil spending: \$609
2020 Peer average food service per pupil spending: \$590
2020 State average food service per pupil spending: \$432
2019 District transportation per pupil spending: \$220
2020 District transportation per pupil spending: \$212
2020 Peer average transportation per pupil spending: \$321
2020 State average transportation per pupil spending: \$395
2019 District total operational per pupil spending: \$8,334
2020 District total operational per pupil spending: \$8,577
2020 Peer average total operational per pupil spending: \$8,890
2020 State average total operational per pupil spending: \$9,136

Nonoperational spending

2019 District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$941
2020 District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,063
2020 Peer average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,168
2020 State average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,053
2019 District equipment per pupil spending: \$469
2020 District equipment per pupil spending: \$763
2020 Peer average equipment per pupil spending: \$563
2020 State average equipment per pupil spending: \$533
2019 District interest per pupil spending: \$149
2020 District interest per pupil spending: \$374
2020 Peer average interest per pupil spending: \$262
2020 State average interest per pupil spending: \$273
2019 District other per pupil spending: \$146
2020 District other per pupil spending: \$95
2020 Peer average other per pupil spending: \$189
2020 State average other per pupil spending: \$175
2019 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$1,705
2020 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,295
2020 Peer average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,182
2020 State average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,034

Spending totals

2019 District total per pupil spending: \$10,039

2020 District total per pupil spending: \$10,872
2020 Peer average total per pupil spending: \$11,072
2020 State average total per pupil spending: \$11,170

Bar chart showing the percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2015 versus 2020)

Instruction: 2.5%
Student support: 0.1%
Instruction support: -1.3%
Administration: -0.6%
Plant operations: 0.9%
Food service: -1.6%
Transportation: 0.0%

Table showing lowest, highest, and 2 most recent fiscal years' instructional spending percentages between 2001 and 2020

Fiscal year of lowest instructional spending percentage: 2014
Lowest instructional spending percentage: 51.3%
Fiscal year of highest instructional spending percentage: 2006
Highest instructional spending percentage: 59.3%
2019 instructional spending percentage: 54.1%
2020 instructional spending percentage: 56.0%

Table showing COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

Districts can use COVID-19 federal relief grants from March 2020 through September 2022. The following amounts were used by June 30, 2020.

District total federal relief grant spending: \$0
Peer average total federal relief grant spending: \$833,736
District per pupil federal relief grant spending: \$0
Peer average per pupil federal relief grant spending: \$70

Line graph and table showing average teacher salary and other measures

2017 District average teacher salary: \$53,818
2018 District average teacher salary: \$52,077
2019 District average teacher salary: \$52,563
2020 District average teacher salary: \$53,443
2017 District amount from Prop 301: \$3,656
2018 District amount from Prop 301: \$3,912
2019 District amount from Prop 301: \$5,653
2020 District amount from Prop 301: \$7,193
2017 State average teacher salary: \$48,372
2018 State average teacher salary: \$48,951
2019 State average teacher salary: \$52,441
2020 State average teacher salary: \$54,814
2017 District students per teacher: 21.6

2018 District students per teacher: 21.2
2019 District students per teacher: 19.0
2020 District students per teacher: 18.3
2017 District average years of teacher experience: 10.2
2018 District average years of teacher experience: 10.0
2019 District average years of teacher experience: 9.9
2020 District average years of teacher experience: 10.3
2017 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 21%
2018 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 22%
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