

Pendergast Elementary School District

Maricopa County

Peer group(s): Operational 7 and Transportation 2¹

Legislative district(s): 19 and 29

District location: City

Number of schools: 12

Graduation rate (2019): N/A

Students attending; Size: 8,550; Large

5-year change in students attending: 9% decrease

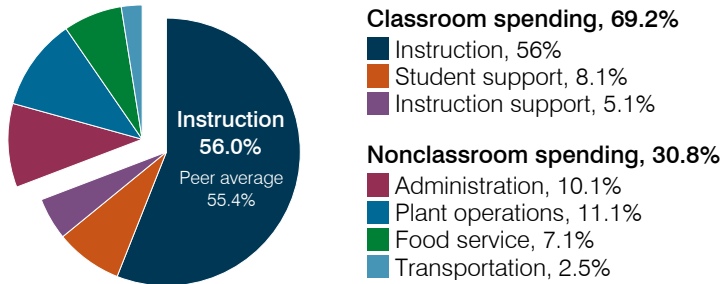
Special education population: 13%

English learner population: 10%

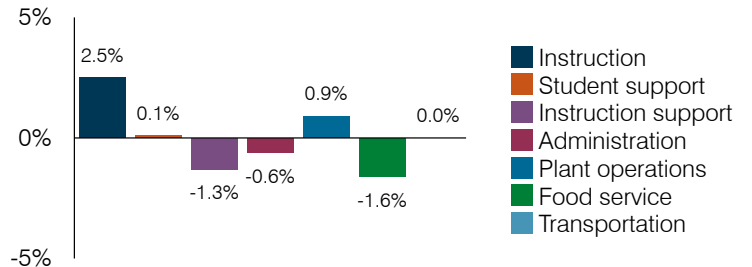
Poverty rate (2019): 21%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 71%

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	\$866	\$911	\$936
	Students per administrative position	83	74	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.53	\$6.16	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	146	144	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$2.71	\$3.37	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$8.38	\$7.11	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,304	\$1,210	\$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	
2014	2006	2019	2020
51.3%	59.3%	54.1%	56.0%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

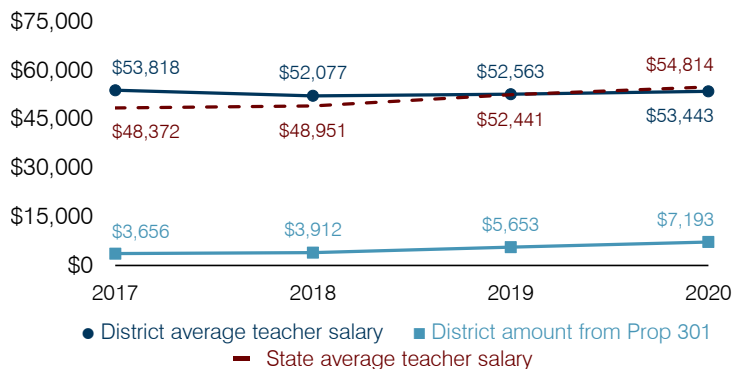
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 833,736
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 70

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	\$ 4,512	\$ 4,803	\$ 4,916	\$ 5,016
Student support	746	695	745	796
Instruction support	444	439	526	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	863	866	911	936
Plant operations	942	953	881	1,048
Food service	607	609	590	432
Transportation	220	212	321	395
Total operational	8,334	8,577	8,890	9,136
Land and buildings	941	1,063	1,168	1,053
Equipment	469	763	563	533
Interest	149	374	262	273
Other	146	95	189	175
Total nonoperational	1,705	2,295	2,182	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 10,039	\$ 10,872	\$ 11,072	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	21.6	21.2	19.0	18.3
Average years of teacher experience	10.2	10.0	9.9	10.3
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	21%	22%	23%	23%

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