

# 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 Phoenix Elementary School District's summary page. All data is for fiscal year 2020 unless otherwise noted.

#### Descriptive information

District name: Phoenix Elementary School District  
County: Maricopa  
Operational peer group: 8  
Transportation peer group: 2  
Legislative district(s): 24, 27, and 30  
District location: City  
Number of schools: 13  
Graduation rate for fiscal year 2019: N/A  
Students attending: 5,681  
District size: Medium-large  
5-year change in students attending: 17% decrease  
Special education population: 13%  
English learner population: 15%  
Poverty rate for fiscal year 2019: 32%  
Free/reduced meal eligibility: 81%

#### Pie chart showing spending by operational area

Instruction: 52.6%  
Peer average instruction: 51.8%  
Classroom spending, which includes instruction, student support, and instruction support spending: 71.0%  
Instruction: 52.6%  
Student support: 10.9%  
Instruction support: 7.5%  
Nonclassroom spending, which includes administration, plant operations, food service, and transportation spending: 29.0%  
Administration: 9.5%  
Plant operations: 11.5%  
Food service: 4.9%  
Transportation: 3.1%

#### Table showing operational measures relative to peer averages

##### Operational area—Administration

District administration cost per pupil: \$1,229

Peer average administration cost per pupil: \$1,119  
District's administration cost per pupil relative to peer average: High  
State average administration cost per pupil: \$936  
District students per administrative position: 46  
Peer average students per administrative position: 64  
State average students per administrative position: 65

#### Operational area—Plant operations

District plant operations cost per square foot: \$7.21  
Peer average plant operations cost per square foot: \$6.73  
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: 206  
Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 148  
District's plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average: Very High  
State average plant operations square footage per student: 160

#### Operational area—Food service

District food service cost per meal: \$3.30  
Peer average food service cost per meal: \$3.26  
District's food service cost per meal relative to peer average: Comparable  
State average food service cost per meal: \$3.46

#### Operational area—Transportation

District transportation cost per mile: \$10.86  
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: \$2,382  
Peer average transportation cost per rider: \$1,210  
District's transportation cost per rider relative to peer average: Very High  
State average transportation cost per rider: \$1,370

### Table showing per pupil spending

#### Operational spending

2019 District instruction per pupil spending: \$6,479  
2020 District instruction per pupil spending: \$6,814  
2020 Peer average instruction per pupil spending: \$4,869  
2020 State average instruction per pupil spending: \$5,016  
2019 District student support per pupil spending: \$1,304  
2020 District student support per pupil spending: \$1,418  
2020 Peer average student support per pupil spending: \$757  
2020 State average student support per pupil spending: \$796  
2019 District instruction support per pupil spending: \$853  
2020 District instruction support per pupil spending: \$978  
2020 Peer average instruction support per pupil spending: \$615

2020 State average instruction support per pupil spending: \$513  
2019 District administration per pupil spending: \$1,097  
2020 District administration per pupil spending: \$1,229  
2020 Peer average administration per pupil spending: \$1,119  
2020 State average administration per pupil spending: \$936  
2019 District plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,414  
2020 District plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,484  
2020 Peer average plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,017  
2020 State average plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,048  
2019 District food service per pupil spending: \$656  
2020 District food service per pupil spending: \$631  
2020 Peer average food service per pupil spending: \$703  
2020 State average food service per pupil spending: \$432  
2019 District transportation per pupil spending: \$403  
2020 District transportation per pupil spending: \$407  
2020 Peer average transportation per pupil spending: \$348  
2020 State average transportation per pupil spending: \$395  
2019 District total operational per pupil spending: \$12,206  
2020 District total operational per pupil spending: \$12,961  
2020 Peer average total operational per pupil spending: \$9,428  
2020 State average total operational per pupil spending: \$9,136

#### Nonoperational spending

2019 District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$2,658  
2020 District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,190  
2020 Peer average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,809  
2020 State average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,053  
2019 District equipment per pupil spending: \$733  
2020 District equipment per pupil spending: \$888  
2020 Peer average equipment per pupil spending: \$640  
2020 State average equipment per pupil spending: \$533  
2019 District interest per pupil spending: \$302  
2020 District interest per pupil spending: \$495  
2020 Peer average interest per pupil spending: \$374  
2020 State average interest per pupil spending: \$273  
2019 District other per pupil spending: \$35  
2020 District other per pupil spending: \$27  
2020 Peer average other per pupil spending: \$218  
2020 State average other per pupil spending: \$175  
2019 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$3,728  
2020 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,600  
2020 Peer average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$3,041  
2020 State average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,034

#### Spending totals

2019 District total per pupil spending: \$15,934

2020 District total per pupil spending: \$15,561  
2020 Peer average total per pupil spending: \$12,469  
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: 3.4%  
Student support: 0.1%  
Instruction support: -2.9%  
Administration: 0.9%  
Plant operations: -0.6%  
Food service: -0.9%  
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: 2013  
Lowest instructional spending percentage: 48.0%  
Fiscal year of highest instructional spending percentage: 2005  
Highest instructional spending percentage: 57.1%  
2019 instructional spending percentage: 53.1%  
2020 instructional spending percentage: 52.6%

### 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: \$502,479  
Peer average total federal relief grant spending: \$505,751  
District per pupil federal relief grant spending: \$88  
Peer average per pupil federal relief grant spending: \$90

### Line graph and table showing average teacher salary and other measures

2017 District average teacher salary: \$48,987  
2018 District average teacher salary: \$58,992  
2019 District average teacher salary: \$63,013  
2020 District average teacher salary: \$64,724  
2017 District amount from Prop 301: \$1,695  
2018 District amount from Prop 301: \$2,110  
2019 District amount from Prop 301: \$15,675  
2020 District amount from Prop 301: \$17,953  
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: 16.5

2018 District students per teacher: 17.4  
2019 District students per teacher: 16.9  
2020 District students per teacher: 16.0  
2017 District average years of teacher experience: 10.3  
2018 District average years of teacher experience: 10.9  
2019 District average years of teacher experience: 11.4  
2020 District average years of teacher experience: 10.8  
2017 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 26%  
2018 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 21%  
2019 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 23%  
2020 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 31%