

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 Cave Creek Unified School District's summary pages. All data is for fiscal year 2018 unless otherwise noted.

Descriptive information

District name: Cave Creek Unified School District

County: Maricopa

Operational efficiency peer group: 3

Transportation efficiency peer group: T-4

Student achievement peer group: 1

Legislative district(s): 1, 15, and 23

District size: Medium-large

Location: City

Students attending: 5,263

Number of schools: 7

Operational Efficiency

Pie chart showing spending by operational area

Instruction: 53.3%

Peer average instruction: 53.5%

Administration: 11.8%

Plant operations: 12.2%

Food service: 3.5%

Transportation: 5.9%

Student support: 10.1%

Instruction support: 3.2%

Table showing efficiency measures relative to peer averages

Operational area—Administration

District administration cost per pupil: \$859

Peer average administration cost per pupil: \$846

District's administration cost per pupil relative to peer average: Comparable

State average administration cost per pupil: \$860

District students per administrative position: 61

Peer average students per administrative position: 69

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: \$4.94

Peer average plant operations cost per square foot: \$6.02

District's plant operations cost per square foot relative to peer average: Very low

State average plant operations cost per square foot: \$6.34

District plant operations square footage per student: 179

Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 155

District's plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average:
Very High

State average plant operations square footage per student: 156

District's overall plant operations measures relative to peer average: Low

Operational area—Food service

District food service cost per meal: \$2.82

Peer average food service cost per meal: \$3.20

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: \$2.86

Peer average transportation cost per mile: \$3.72

District's transportation cost per mile relative to peer average: Very Low

State average transportation cost per mile: \$4.05

District transportation cost per rider: \$1,285

Peer average transportation cost per rider: \$1,330

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: Low

Table showing per pupil spending

Operational spending

District instruction per pupil spending: \$3,880
Peer average instruction per pupil spending: \$4,106
State average instruction per pupil spending: \$4,480
District administration per pupil spending: \$859
Peer average administration per pupil spending: \$846
State average administration per pupil spending: \$860
District plant operations per pupil spending: \$886
Peer average plant operations per pupil spending: \$963
State average plant operations per pupil spending: \$988
District food service per pupil spending: \$259
Peer average food service per pupil spending: \$325
State average food service per pupil spending: \$425
District transportation per pupil spending: \$426
Peer average transportation per pupil spending: \$438
State average transportation per pupil spending: \$388
District student support per pupil spending: \$735
Peer average student support per pupil spending: \$672
State average student support per pupil spending: \$693
District instruction support per pupil spending: \$235
Peer average instruction support per pupil spending: \$336
State average instruction support per pupil spending: \$462
District total operational per pupil spending: \$7,280
Peer average total operational per pupil spending: \$7,686
State average total operational per pupil spending: \$8,296

Nonoperational spending

District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$392
Peer average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,416
State average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$827

District equipment per pupil spending: \$387
Peer average equipment per pupil spending: \$473
State average equipment per pupil spending: \$409
District interest per pupil spending: \$301
Peer average interest per pupil spending: \$268
State average interest per pupil spending: \$228
District other per pupil spending: \$399
Peer average other per pupil spending: \$165
State average other per pupil spending: \$169
District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$1,479
Peer average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,322
State average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$1,633

Spending totals

District total per pupil spending: \$8,759
Peer average total per pupil spending: \$10,008
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: 5 schools, representing 71% of all district schools that received a letter grade

B letter grade: 2 schools, representing 29% of all district schools that received a letter grade

C letter grade: 0 schools, representing 0% of all district schools that received a letter grade

D letter grade: 0 schools, representing 0% 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: 62%

Peer average percentage of students who passed the State Math assessment: 60%

State average percentage of students who passed the State Math assessment: 40%

District percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 62%

Peer average percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 60%

State average percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 39%

District percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 76%

Peer average percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 72%

State average percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 51%

Table showing student and teacher measures

District attendance rate: 95%

Peer average attendance rate: 95%

State average attendance rate: 94%

District graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: 95%

Peer average graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: 94%

State average graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: 78%

District poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 7%

Peer average poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 6%

State average poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 19%

District special education population: 12%

Peer average special education population: 11%

State average special education population: 12%

District students per teacher: 19.8

Peer average students per teacher: 17.8

State average students per teacher: 18.4

District average teacher salary: \$43,745

Peer districts' average teacher salary: \$43,920

State average teacher salary: \$48,951

District salary amount from Prop 301: \$6,690

Peer average salary amount from Prop 301: \$5,590

State average salary amount from Prop 301: \$6,411

District average years of teacher experience: 12.8

Peer districts' average years of teacher experience: 11.3
State average years of teacher experience: 11.4
District percentage of teachers in first 3 years of teaching: 20%
Peer average percentage of teachers in first 3 years of teaching: 19%
State average percentage of teachers in first 3 years of teaching: 19%

Table showing per pupil revenues

District per pupil revenues from federal sources: \$397
Peer average per pupil revenues from federal sources: \$730
State average per pupil revenues from federal sources: \$1,317
District per pupil revenues from State sources: \$2,017
Peer average per pupil revenues from State sources: \$3,583
State average per pupil revenues from State sources: \$4,011
District per pupil revenues from local sources: \$6,279
Peer average per pupil revenues from local sources: \$5,234
State average per pupil revenues from local sources: \$4,592
District total per pupil revenues: \$8,693
Peer average total per pupil revenues: \$9,547
State average total per pupil revenues: \$9,920

Select revenues from common sources

District per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: \$5,754
Peer average per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: \$5,507
State average per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: \$5,585
District per pupil revenues from grants: \$477
Peer average per pupil revenues from grants: \$864
State average per pupil revenues from grants: \$1,241
District per pupil revenues from donations and tax credits: \$260
Peer average per pupil revenues from donations and tax credits: \$184
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: 1 of 15
District per pupil small school adjustment revenues: \$0
Number of peers receiving small school adjustment revenues: 0 of 15
District per pupil federal impact aid revenues: \$0

Number of peers receiving federal impact aid revenues: 3 of 15
District per pupil voter-approved levy increase revenues: \$573
Number of peers receiving voter-approved levy increase revenues: 15 of 15

Table showing District's instructional spending percentage by fiscal year

2001 instructional spending percentage: 54.8%
2002 instructional spending percentage: 56.0%
2003 instructional spending percentage: 58.3%
2004 instructional spending percentage: 57.2%
2005 instructional spending percentage: 59.7%
2006 instructional spending percentage: 59.6%
2007 instructional spending percentage: 55.5%
2008 instructional spending percentage: 56.7%
2009 instructional spending percentage: 55.6%
2010 instructional spending percentage: 54.4%
2011 instructional spending percentage: 54.9%
2012 instructional spending percentage: 53.2%
2013 instructional spending percentage: 53.9%
2014 instructional spending percentage: 53.0%
2015 instructional spending percentage: 53.3%
2016 instructional spending percentage: 52.8%
2017 instructional spending percentage: 53.7%
2018 instructional spending percentage: 53.3%

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: No election held

Financial stress assessment for spending increase election results: Not applicable

Operating reserve percentage and trend from 2016 through 2018: 3.4%, Varying

Financial stress assessment for operating reserve percentage and trend: Low
Years of capital reserve held from 2016 through 2018: More than 3 years
Financial stress assessment for years of capital reserve held: Low
Current financial and internal control status from 2016 through 2018: Compliant
Financial stress assessment for current financial and internal control status: Low