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**

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<th>Peer Average</th>
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<td>District total operational per pupil spending</td>
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**Nonoperational spending**

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<td>$392</td>
<td>$1,416</td>
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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

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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