Arizona Auditor General
Arizona School District Spending Report
Fiscal Year 2019

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 2019 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 location: City
District size: Medium-large
Number of schools: 7
Graduation rate (2018): 94%
Students attending: 5,212
5-year change in students attending: 1% decrease
Special education population: 13%
English learner population: 1%
Poverty rate (2018): 7%
Free/reduced meal eligibility: 7%

Table showing District's instructional spending percentage by fiscal year
2001: 54.8
2002: 56.0
2003: 58.3
2004: 57.2
2005: 59.7
2006: 59.6
2007: 55.5
2008: 56.7
2009: 55.6
2010: 54.4
2011: 54.9
2012: 53.2
2013: 53.9
2014: 53.0
2015: 53.3
2016: 52.8
2017: 53.7
2018: 53.3
2019: 55.6

Pie chart showing spending by operational area
Classroom spending: 68.7%
Instruction: 55.6%
Peer average instruction: 54.1%
Student support: 9.9%
Instruction support: 3.2%
Nonclassroom spending: 31.3%
Administration: 11.3%
Plant operations: 10.4%
Food service: 3.3%
Transportation: 6.3%

Table showing operational measures relative to peer averages
Operational area—Administration
District administration cost per pupil: $904
Peer average administration cost per pupil: $887
State average administration cost per pupil: $903
District students per administrative position: 60
Peer average students per administrative position: 68
State average students per administrative position: 66
District's administration cost per pupil relative to peer average: Comparable

Operational area—Plant operations
District plant operations cost per square foot: $4.49
Peer average plant operations cost per square foot: $5.90
District's plant operations cost per square foot relative to peer average: Very low
State average plant operations cost per square foot: $6.49
District plant operations square footage per student: 185
Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 159
State average plant operations square footage per student: 158
District's plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average: Very High

Operational area—Food service
District food service cost per meal: $2.97
Peer average food service cost per meal: $3.35
State average food service cost per meal: $3.08
District's food service cost per meal relative to peer average: Low

Operational area—Transportation
District transportation cost per mile: $3.46
Peer average transportation cost per mile: $4.02
State average transportation cost per mile: $4.29
District's transportation cost per mile relative to peer average: Low
District transportation cost per rider: $1,329
Peer average transportation cost per rider: $1,407
State average transportation cost per rider: $1,424
District's transportation cost per rider relative to peer average: Low

Table showing per pupil spending
Operational spending by area
District instruction 2018: $3,880
District instruction 2019: $4,462
Peer average instruction: $4,496
State average instruction: $4,869
District student support 2018: $735
District student support 2019: $797
Peer average student support: $730
State average student support: $754
District instruction support 2018: $235
District instruction support 2019: $261
Peer average instruction support: $377
State average instruction support: $497
District administration 2018: $859
District administration 2019: $904
Peer average administration: $887
State average administration: $903
District plant operations (2018): $886
District plant operations (2019): $832
Peer average plant operations: $977
State average plant operations: $1,027
District food service (2018): $259
District food service (2019): $268
Peer average food service: $353
State average food service: $438
District transportation (2018): $426
District transportation (2019): $507
Peer average transportation: $428
State average transportation: $417
District total operational (2018): $7,280
District total operational (2019): $8,031
Peer average total operational: $8,248
State average total operational: $8,905

Nonoperational spending by area
District land and buildings (2018): $392
District land and buildings (2018): $593
Peer average land and buildings: $1,367
State average land and buildings: $1,086
District equipment (2018): $387
District equipment (2019): $354
Peer average equipment: $508
State average equipment: $496
District interest (2018): $301
District interest (2019): $285
Peer average interest: $319
State average interest: $261
District other (2018): $399
District other (2019): $470
Peer average other: $194
State average other: $180
District total nonoperational (2018): $1,479
District total nonoperational (2019): $1,702
Peer average total nonoperational: $2,388
State average total nonoperational: $2,023

Spending totals
District total per pupil spending (2018): $8,759
District total per pupil spending (2019): $9,733
Peer average total per pupil spending: $10,636
State average total per pupil spending: $10,928

Bar chart showing percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2014 versus 2019)

Instruction:  2.6%
Student support:  -0.1%
Instruction support:  -0.9%
Administration:  1.5%
Plant operations:  -2.7%
Food service:  -0.15%
Transportation:  -0.2%
Average teacher salary and other measures

Line graph showing teacher salaries and amount from Prop 301
District average teacher salary for fiscal year 2017: $46,825
District average teacher salary for fiscal year 2018: $43,745
District average teacher salary for fiscal year 2019: $48,126
District average teacher salary for fiscal year 2017: $48,372
District average teacher salary for fiscal year 2018: $48,951
District average teacher salary for fiscal year 2019: $52,441
District amount from Prop 301 2017: $8,563
District amount from Prop 301 2018: $6,690
District amount from Prop 301 2019: $7,509

Measure
Students per teacher 2017: $46,825
Students per teacher 2018: $43,745
Students per teacher 2019: $48,126
Average years of teacher experience 2017: $48,372
Average years of teacher experience 2018: $48,951
Average years of teacher experience 2019: $52,441
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years 2017: 17%
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years 2018: 20%
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years 2019: 19%

Bar chart showing the percentages of students who passed State assessments
District percentage of students who passed the State Math assessment: 61%
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: 63%
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: 40%
District percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 74%
Peer average percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 73%
State average percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 50%