

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

#### Descriptive information

District name: Chandler Unified School District

County: Maricopa

Operational peer group: 1

Transportation peer group: 3

Legislative district(s): 12, 17, and 18

District location: Suburb

Number of schools: 43

Graduation rate for fiscal year 2019: 93%

Students attending: 44,939

District size: Very large

5-year change in students attending: 10% increase

Special education population: 11%

English learner population: 2%

Poverty rate for fiscal year 2019: 8%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 24%

#### Pie chart showing spending by operational area

Instruction: 61.4%

Peer average instruction: 57.3%

Classroom spending, which includes instruction, student support, and instruction support spending: 73.8%

Instruction: 61.4%

Student support: 7.7%

Instruction support: 4.7%

Nonclassroom spending, which includes administration, plant operations, food service, and transportation spending: 26.2%

Administration: 8.3%

Plant operations: 10.3%

Food service: 3.7%

Transportation: 3.9%

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

##### Operational area—Administration

District administration cost per pupil: \$685

Peer average administration cost per pupil: \$773  
District's administration cost per pupil relative to peer average: Low  
State average administration cost per pupil: \$936  
District students per administrative position: 99  
Peer average students per administrative position: 77  
State average students per administrative position: 65

#### Operational area—Plant operations

District plant operations cost per square foot: \$7.52  
Peer average plant operations cost per square foot: \$6.40  
District's plant operations cost per square foot relative to peer average: Very High  
State average plant operations cost per square foot: \$6.55  
District plant operations square footage per student: 114  
Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 152  
District's plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average: Very Low  
State average plant operations square footage per student: 160

#### Operational area—Food service

District food service cost per meal: \$3.47  
Peer average food service cost per meal: \$3.50  
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: \$4.74  
Peer average transportation cost per mile: \$4.60  
District's transportation cost per mile relative to peer average: Comparable  
State average transportation cost per mile: \$4.28  
District transportation cost per rider: \$1,293  
Peer average transportation cost per rider: \$1,301  
District's transportation cost per rider relative to peer average: Comparable  
State average transportation cost per rider: \$1,370

### Table showing per pupil spending

#### Operational spending

2019 District instruction per pupil spending: \$4,776  
2020 District instruction per pupil spending: \$5,097  
2020 Peer average instruction per pupil spending: \$5,072  
2020 State average instruction per pupil spending: \$5,016  
2019 District student support per pupil spending: \$576  
2020 District student support per pupil spending: \$642  
2020 Peer average student support per pupil spending: \$831  
2020 State average student support per pupil spending: \$796  
2019 District instruction support per pupil spending: \$351  
2020 District instruction support per pupil spending: \$387  
2020 Peer average instruction support per pupil spending: \$447

2020 State average instruction support per pupil spending: \$513  
2019 District administration per pupil spending: \$665  
2020 District administration per pupil spending: \$685  
2020 Peer average administration per pupil spending: \$773  
2020 State average administration per pupil spending: \$936  
2019 District plant operations per pupil spending: \$816  
2020 District plant operations per pupil spending: \$856  
2020 Peer average plant operations per pupil spending: \$964  
2020 State average plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,048  
2019 District food service per pupil spending: \$311  
2020 District food service per pupil spending: \$309  
2020 Peer average food service per pupil spending: \$332  
2020 State average food service per pupil spending: \$432  
2019 District transportation per pupil spending: \$342  
2020 District transportation per pupil spending: \$324  
2020 Peer average transportation per pupil spending: \$362  
2020 State average transportation per pupil spending: \$395  
2019 District total operational per pupil spending: \$7,837  
2020 District total operational per pupil spending: \$8,300  
2020 Peer average total operational per pupil spending: \$8,781  
2020 State average total operational per pupil spending: \$9,136

#### Nonoperational spending

2019 District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,014  
2020 District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,385  
2020 Peer average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$764  
2020 State average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,053  
2019 District equipment per pupil spending: \$375  
2020 District equipment per pupil spending: \$387  
2020 Peer average equipment per pupil spending: \$401  
2020 State average equipment per pupil spending: \$533  
2019 District interest per pupil spending: \$249  
2020 District interest per pupil spending: \$281  
2020 Peer average interest per pupil spending: \$289  
2020 State average interest per pupil spending: \$273  
2019 District other per pupil spending: \$311  
2020 District other per pupil spending: \$311  
2020 Peer average other per pupil spending: \$221  
2020 State average other per pupil spending: \$175  
2019 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$1,949  
2020 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,364  
2020 Peer average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$1,675  
2020 State average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,034

#### Spending totals

2019 District total per pupil spending: \$9,786

2020 District total per pupil spending: \$10,664  
2020 Peer average total per pupil spending: \$10,456  
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: 0.3%  
Student support: 1.1%  
Instruction support: 0.4%  
Administration: 0.0%  
Plant operations: -0.1%  
Food service: -1.6%  
Transportation: -0.1%

### Table showing lowest, highest, and 2 most recent fiscal years' instructional spending percentages between 2001 and 2020

Fiscal year of lowest instructional spending percentage: 2017  
Lowest instructional spending percentage: 60.6%  
Fiscal year of highest instructional spending percentage: 2006  
Highest instructional spending percentage: 63.7%  
2019 instructional spending percentage: 60.9%  
2020 instructional spending percentage: 61.4%

### 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: \$7,846,196  
Peer average total federal relief grant spending: \$5,534,223  
District per pupil federal relief grant spending: \$175  
Peer average per pupil federal relief grant spending: \$149

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

2017 District average teacher salary: \$55,701  
2018 District average teacher salary: \$55,242  
2019 District average teacher salary: \$57,940  
2020 District average teacher salary: \$62,203  
2017 District amount from Prop 301: \$6,143  
2018 District amount from Prop 301: \$6,405  
2019 District amount from Prop 301: \$7,374  
2020 District amount from Prop 301: \$7,303  
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: 19.3

2018 District students per teacher: 18.9  
2019 District students per teacher: 18.7  
2020 District students per teacher: 18.8  
2017 District average years of teacher experience: 11.3  
2018 District average years of teacher experience: 11.5  
2019 District average years of teacher experience: 11.8  
2020 District average years of teacher experience: 12.1  
2017 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 11%  
2018 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 12%  
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