

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

Descriptive information

District name: Superior Unified School District

County: Pinal

Operational peer group: 6

Transportation peer group: 8

Legislative district(s): 8

District location: Town

Number of schools: 2

Graduation rate for fiscal year 2019: 91%

Students attending: 324

District size: Small

5-year change in students attending: 17% decrease

Special education population: 10%

English learner population: 4%

Poverty rate for fiscal year 2019: 32%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 74%

Pie chart showing spending by operational area

Instruction: 49.1%

Peer average instruction: 48.9%

Classroom spending, which includes instruction, student support, and instruction support spending: 54.0%

Instruction: 49.1%

Student support: 1.7%

Instruction support: 3.2%

Nonclassroom spending, which includes administration, plant operations, food service, and transportation spending: 46.0%

Administration: 19.0%

Plant operations: 18.1%

Food service: 4.5%

Transportation: 4.4%

Table showing operational measures relative to peer averages

Operational area—Administration

District administration cost per pupil: \$2,293

Peer average administration cost per pupil: \$1,873
District's administration cost per pupil relative to peer average: Very High
State average administration cost per pupil: \$936
District students per administrative position: 29
Peer average students per administrative position: 44
State average students per administrative position: 65

Operational area—Plant operations

District plant operations cost per square foot: \$7.08
Peer average plant operations cost per square foot: \$5.44
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: 309
Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 354
District's plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average: Low
State average plant operations square footage per student: 160

Operational area—Food service

District food service cost per meal: \$3.76
Peer average food service cost per meal: \$4.30
District's food service cost per meal relative to peer average: Low
State average food service cost per meal: \$3.46

Operational area—Transportation

District transportation cost per mile: \$4.51
Peer average transportation cost per mile: \$3.43
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: \$1,292
Peer average transportation cost per rider: \$1,480
District's transportation cost per rider relative to peer average: Low
State average transportation cost per rider: \$1,370

Table showing per pupil spending

Operational spending

2019 District instruction per pupil spending: \$5,561
2020 District instruction per pupil spending: \$5,927
2020 Peer average instruction per pupil spending: \$6,058
2020 State average instruction per pupil spending: \$5,016
2019 District student support per pupil spending: \$363
2020 District student support per pupil spending: \$207
2020 Peer average student support per pupil spending: \$721
2020 State average student support per pupil spending: \$796
2019 District instruction support per pupil spending: \$300
2020 District instruction support per pupil spending: \$387
2020 Peer average instruction support per pupil spending: \$370

2020 State average instruction support per pupil spending: \$513
2019 District administration per pupil spending: \$2,142
2020 District administration per pupil spending: \$2,293
2020 Peer average administration per pupil spending: \$1,873
2020 State average administration per pupil spending: \$936
2019 District plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,871
2020 District plant operations per pupil spending: \$2,185
2020 Peer average plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,803
2020 State average plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,048
2019 District food service per pupil spending: \$579
2020 District food service per pupil spending: \$539
2020 Peer average food service per pupil spending: \$633
2020 State average food service per pupil spending: \$432
2019 District transportation per pupil spending: \$530
2020 District transportation per pupil spending: \$526
2020 Peer average transportation per pupil spending: \$565
2020 State average transportation per pupil spending: \$395
2019 District total operational per pupil spending: \$11,346
2020 District total operational per pupil spending: \$12,064
2020 Peer average total operational per pupil spending: \$12,023
2020 State average total operational per pupil spending: \$9,136

Nonoperational spending

2019 District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$386
2020 District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$3,059
2020 Peer average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$2,316
2020 State average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,053
2019 District equipment per pupil spending: \$674
2020 District equipment per pupil spending: \$1,021
2020 Peer average equipment per pupil spending: \$895
2020 State average equipment per pupil spending: \$533
2019 District interest per pupil spending: \$213
2020 District interest per pupil spending: \$199
2020 Peer average interest per pupil spending: \$190
2020 State average interest per pupil spending: \$273
2019 District other per pupil spending: \$130
2020 District other per pupil spending: \$99
2020 Peer average other per pupil spending: \$57
2020 State average other per pupil spending: \$175
2019 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$1,403
2020 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$4,378
2020 Peer average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$3,458
2020 State average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,034

Spending totals

2019 District total per pupil spending: \$12,749

2020 District total per pupil spending: \$16,442
2020 Peer average total per pupil spending: \$15,481
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: -1.9%
Instruction support: -1.8%
Administration: 1.4%
Plant operations: 2.5%
Food service: -0.4%
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: 48.4%
Fiscal year of highest instructional spending percentage: 2002
Highest instructional spending percentage: 56.6%
2019 instructional spending percentage: 49.0%
2020 instructional spending percentage: 49.1%

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: \$0
Peer average total federal relief grant spending: \$5,173
District per pupil federal relief grant spending: \$0
Peer average per pupil federal relief grant spending: \$23

Line graph and table showing average teacher salary and other measures

2017 District average teacher salary: \$46,330
2018 District average teacher salary: \$50,301
2019 District average teacher salary: \$49,242
2020 District average teacher salary: \$47,674
2017 District amount from Prop 301: \$4,665
2018 District amount from Prop 301: \$6,080
2019 District amount from Prop 301: \$5,747
2020 District amount from Prop 301: \$6,285
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: 18.9

2018 District students per teacher: 21.1
2019 District students per teacher: 18.1
2020 District students per teacher: 18.0
2017 District average years of teacher experience: 9.1
2018 District average years of teacher experience: 9.1
2019 District average years of teacher experience: 8.6
2020 District average years of teacher experience: 8.9
2017 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 5%
2018 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 12%
2019 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 14%
2020 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years: 18%