

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

#### Descriptive information

District name: Scottsdale Unified School District  
County: Maricopa  
Operational efficiency peer group: 1  
Transportation efficiency peer group: T-5  
Student achievement peer group: 2  
Legislative district(s): 23, 24, 26, and 28  
District size: Very large  
Location: City  
Students attending: 22,260  
Number of schools: 29

#### Operational Efficiency

##### Pie chart showing spending by operational area

Instruction: 54.4%  
Peer average instruction: 56.8%  
Administration: 9.4%  
Plant operations: 14.3%  
Food service: 3.9%  
Transportation: 3.9%  
Student support: 8.7%  
Instruction support: 5.4%

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

###### Operational area—Administration

District administration cost per pupil: \$762  
Peer average administration cost per pupil: \$712  
District's administration cost per pupil relative to peer average: High  
State average administration cost per pupil: \$860  
District students per administrative position: 77  
Peer average students per administrative position: 80  
State average students per administrative position: 66  
District's overall administration measure relative to peer average: High

### Operational area—Plant operations

District plant operations cost per square foot: \$6.25

Peer average plant operations cost per square foot: \$6.18

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

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

District plant operations square footage per student: 186

Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 149

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: High

### Operational area—Food service

District food service cost per meal: \$2.40

Peer average food service cost per meal: \$2.87

District's food service cost per meal relative to peer average: Very Low

State average food service cost per meal: \$3.02

District's overall food service measure relative to peer average: Very Low

### Operational area—Transportation

District transportation cost per mile: \$4.63

Peer average transportation cost per mile: \$3.90

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

State average transportation cost per mile: \$4.05

District transportation cost per rider: \$1,570

Peer average transportation cost per rider: \$1,931

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

State average transportation cost per rider: \$1,301

District's overall transportation measures relative to peer average: Comparable

## Table showing per pupil spending

### Operational spending

District instruction per pupil spending: \$4,400

Peer average instruction per pupil spending: \$4,531

State average instruction per pupil spending: \$4,480

District administration per pupil spending: \$762

Peer average administration per pupil spending: \$712

State average administration per pupil spending: \$860

District plant operations per pupil spending: \$1,160

Peer average plant operations per pupil spending: \$916

State average plant operations per pupil spending: \$988

District food service per pupil spending: \$318

Peer average food service per pupil spending: \$331

State average food service per pupil spending: \$425

District transportation per pupil spending: \$317

Peer average transportation per pupil spending: \$358

State average transportation per pupil spending: \$388

District student support per pupil spending: \$706  
Peer average student support per pupil spending: \$704  
State average student support per pupil spending: \$693  
District instruction support per pupil spending: \$431  
Peer average instruction support per pupil spending: \$395  
State average instruction support per pupil spending: \$462  
District total operational per pupil spending: \$8,094  
Peer average total operational per pupil spending: \$7,947  
State average total operational per pupil spending: \$8,296

### Nonoperational spending

District land and buildings per pupil spending: \$1,764  
Peer average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$631  
State average land and buildings per pupil spending: \$827  
District equipment per pupil spending: \$551  
Peer average equipment per pupil spending: \$317  
State average equipment per pupil spending: \$409  
District interest per pupil spending: \$363  
Peer average interest per pupil spending: \$232  
State average interest per pupil spending: \$228  
District other per pupil spending: \$236  
Peer average other per pupil spending: \$207  
State average other per pupil spending: \$169  
District total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$2,914  
Peer average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$1,387  
State average total nonoperational per pupil spending: \$1,633

### Spending totals

District total per pupil spending: \$11,008  
Peer average total per pupil spending: \$9,334  
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: 19 schools, representing 66% of all district schools that received a letter grade  
B letter grade: 7 schools, representing 24% of all district schools that received a letter grade  
C letter grade: 3 schools, representing 10% 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: 58%  
Peer average percentage of students who passed the State Math assessment: 46%  
State average percentage of students who passed the State Math assessment: 40%  
District percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 56%  
Peer average percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 45%

State average percentage of students who passed the State English Language Arts assessment: 39%  
District percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 65%  
Peer average percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 58%  
State average percentage of students who passed the State Science assessment: 51%

### Table showing student and teacher measures

District attendance rate: 94%  
Peer average attendance rate: 94%  
State average attendance rate: 94%  
District graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: 91%  
Peer average graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: 90%  
State average graduation rate for fiscal year 2017: 78%  
District poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 9%  
Peer average poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 12%  
State average poverty rate for fiscal year 2017: 19%  
District special education population: 9%  
Peer average special education population: 13%  
State average special education population: 12%  
District students per teacher: 17.3  
Peer average students per teacher: 18.5  
State average students per teacher: 18.4  
District average teacher salary: \$48,099  
Peer districts' average teacher salary: \$47,265  
State average teacher salary: \$48,951  
District salary amount from Prop 301: \$6,451  
Peer average salary amount from Prop 301: \$6,556  
State average salary amount from Prop 301: \$6,411  
District average years of teacher experience: 13.5  
Peer districts' average years of teacher experience: 11.5  
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: \$725  
Peer average per pupil revenues from federal sources: \$875  
State average per pupil revenues from federal sources: \$1,317  
District per pupil revenues from State sources: \$1,800  
Peer average per pupil revenues from State sources: \$3,546  
State average per pupil revenues from State sources: \$4,011  
District per pupil revenues from local sources: \$8,279  
Peer average per pupil revenues from local sources: \$5,443  
State average per pupil revenues from local sources: \$4,592

District total per pupil revenues: \$10,804  
Peer average total per pupil revenues: \$9,864  
State average total per pupil revenues: \$9,920

#### Select revenues from common sources

District per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: \$5,471  
Peer average per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: \$5,492  
State average per pupil revenues from equalization formula funding: \$5,585  
District per pupil revenues from grants: \$763  
Peer average per pupil revenues from grants: \$937  
State average per pupil revenues from grants: \$1,241  
District per pupil revenues from donations and tax credits: \$184  
Peer average per pupil revenues from donations and tax credits: \$94  
State average per pupil revenues from donations and tax credits: \$90

#### Select revenues from less common sources

District per pupil desegregation revenues: \$332  
Number of peers receiving desegregation revenues: 4 of 10  
District per pupil small school adjustment revenues: \$0  
Number of peers receiving small school adjustment revenues: 0 of 10  
District per pupil federal impact aid revenues: \$0  
Number of peers receiving federal impact aid revenues: 2 of 10  
District per pupil voter-approved levy increase revenues: \$2,196  
Number of peers receiving voter-approved levy increase revenues: 10 of 10

#### Table showing District's instructional spending percentage by fiscal year

2001 instructional spending percentage: 58.6%  
2002 instructional spending percentage: 59.0%  
2003 instructional spending percentage: 61.5%  
2004 instructional spending percentage: 63.7%  
2005 instructional spending percentage: 62.3%  
2006 instructional spending percentage: 60.5%  
2007 instructional spending percentage: 61.3%  
2008 instructional spending percentage: 60.4%  
2009 instructional spending percentage: 57.7%  
2010 instructional spending percentage: 59.5%  
2011 instructional spending percentage: 57.7%  
2012 instructional spending percentage: 58.7%  
2013 instructional spending percentage: 57.9%  
2014 instructional spending percentage: 54.5%  
2015 instructional spending percentage: 53.9%  
2016 instructional spending percentage: 53.6%  
2017 instructional spending percentage: 53.6%  
2018 instructional spending percentage: 54.4%

## Table showing District's financial stress assessment

Overall financial stress level: Low

Change in number of district students from 2016 through 2018: Moderate decrease

Financial stress assessment for change in the number of district students: Moderate

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: Voter-approved

Financial stress assessment for spending increase election results: Low

Operating reserve percentage and trend from 2016 through 2018: 5.4%, Increasing

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: Marginally compliant

Financial stress assessment for current financial and internal control status: Moderate