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