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 Tolleson Union High School District’s summary page. All data is for fiscal year 2019 unless otherwise noted.

Descriptive information
District name:  Tolleson Union High School District
County:  Maricopa
Operational peer group:  2
Transportation peer group:  T-3
Student achievement peer group:  8
Legislative district(s):  19, 27, and 29
District location:  City
Number of schools:  6
Graduation rate for fiscal year 2018:  90%
Students attending:  11,678
District size:  Large
5-year change in students attending:  11% increase
Special education population:  11%
English learner population:  4%
Poverty rate for fiscal year 2018:  17%
Free/reduced meal eligibility:  65%

Table showing District’s instructional spending percentage by fiscal year
2001 instructional spending percentage:  54.7%
2002 instructional spending percentage:  53.9%
2003 instructional spending percentage:  57.0%
2004 instructional spending percentage:  59.0%
2005 instructional spending percentage:  59.9%
2006 instructional spending percentage:  61.4%
2007 instructional spending percentage:  57.3%
2008 instructional spending percentage:  55.3%
2009 instructional spending percentage:  54.7%
2010 instructional spending percentage:  57.9%
2011 instructional spending percentage:  57.3%
2012 instructional spending percentage:  56.4%
2013 instructional spending percentage:  54.6%
2014 instructional spending percentage:  56.0%
2015 instructional spending percentage:  53.8%
2016 instructional spending percentage:  55.3%
2017 instructional spending percentage: 53.3%
2018 instructional spending percentage: 52.9%
2019 instructional spending percentage: 54.4%

**Pie chart showing spending by operational area**
Instruction: 54.4%
Peer average instruction: 54.0%
Classroom spending, which includes instruction, student support, and instruction support spending: 67.5%
Instruction: 54.4%
Student support: 7.7%
Instruction support: 5.4%
Nonclassroom spending, which includes administration, plant operations, food service, and transportation spending: 32.5%
Administration: 11.4%
Plant operations: 10.8%
Food service: 5.2%
Transportation: 5.1%

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

**Operational area—Administration**
District administration cost per pupil: $847
Peer average administration cost per pupil: $842
District’s administration cost per pupil relative to peer average: Comparable
State average administration cost per pupil: $903
District students per administrative position: 80
Peer average students per administrative position: 66
State average students per administrative position: 66

**Operational area—Plant operations**
District plant operations cost per square foot: $7.21
Peer average plant operations cost per square foot: $6.59
District’s plant operations cost per square foot relative to peer average: High
State average plant operations cost per square foot: $6.49
District plant operations square footage per student: 112
Peer average plant operations square footage per student: 150
District’s plant operations square footage per student relative to peer average: Very Low
State average plant operations square footage per student: 158

**Operational area—Food service**
District food service cost per meal: $2.79
Peer average food service cost per meal: $3.25
District’s food service cost per meal relative to peer average: Low
State average food service cost per meal: $3.08
**Operational area—Transportation**

District transportation cost per mile: $5.29  
Peer average transportation cost per mile: $4.60  
District’s transportation cost per mile relative to peer average: High  
State average transportation cost per mile: $4.29  
District transportation cost per rider: $1,345  
Peer average transportation cost per rider: $1,224  
District’s transportation cost per rider relative to peer average: High  
State average transportation cost per rider: $1,424

**Table showing per pupil spending**

**Operational spending**

- 2018 District instruction per pupil spending: $3,576  
- 2019 District instruction per pupil spending: $4,058  
- 2019 Peer average instruction per pupil spending: $4,521  
- 2019 State average instruction per pupil spending: $4,869  
- 2018 District student support per pupil spending: $502  
- 2019 District student support per pupil spending: $577  
- 2019 Peer average student support per pupil spending: $688  
- 2019 State average student support per pupil spending: $754  
- 2018 District instruction support per pupil spending: $380  
- 2019 District instruction support per pupil spending: $405  
- 2019 Peer average instruction support per pupil spending: $540  
- 2019 State average instruction support per pupil spending: $497  
- 2018 District administration per pupil spending: $759  
- 2019 District administration per pupil spending: $847  
- 2019 Peer average administration per pupil spending: $842  
- 2019 State average administration per pupil spending: $903  
- 2018 District plant operations per pupil spending: $802  
- 2019 District plant operations per pupil spending: $808  
- 2019 Peer average plant operations per pupil spending: $976  
- 2019 State average plant operations per pupil spending: $1,027  
- 2018 District food service per pupil spending: $367  
- 2019 District food service per pupil spending: $384  
- 2019 Peer average food service per pupil spending: $358  
- 2019 State average food service per pupil spending: $438  
- 2018 District transportation per pupil spending: $373  
- 2019 District transportation per pupil spending: $384  
- 2019 Peer average transportation per pupil spending: $457  
- 2019 State average transportation per pupil spending: $417  

**Total operational per pupil spending**

- 2018 District total operational per pupil spending: $6,759  
- 2019 District total operational per pupil spending: $7,463  
- 2019 Peer average total operational per pupil spending: $8,382  
- 2019 State average total operational per pupil spending: $8,905
Nonoperational spending
2018 District land and buildings per pupil spending: $544
2019 District land and buildings per pupil spending: $9,486
2019 Peer average land and buildings per pupil spending: $1,683
2019 State average land and buildings per pupil spending: $1,086
2018 District equipment per pupil spending: $990
2019 District equipment per pupil spending: $1,342
2019 Peer average equipment per pupil spending: $540
2019 State average equipment per pupil spending: $496
2018 District interest per pupil spending: $76
2019 District interest per pupil spending: $201
2019 Peer average interest per pupil spending: $254
2019 State average interest per pupil spending: $261
2018 District other per pupil spending: $41
2019 District other per pupil spending: $38
2019 Peer average other per pupil spending: $172
2019 State average other per pupil spending: $180
2018 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: $1,651
2019 District total nonoperational per pupil spending: $11,067
2019 Peer average total nonoperational per pupil spending: $2,649
2019 State average total nonoperational per pupil spending: $2,023

Spending totals
2018 District total per pupil spending: $8,410
2019 District total per pupil spending: $18,530
2019 Peer average total per pupil spending: $11,031
2019 State average total per pupil spending: $10,928

Bar chart showing the percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2014 versus 2019)
Instruction: -1.6%
Student support: 3.4%
Instruction support: -0.6%
Administration: 0.0%
Plant operations: -0.9%
Food service: -0.4%
Transportation: 0.1%

Line graph and table showing average teacher salary and other measures
2017 District average teacher salary: $45,670
2018 District average teacher salary: $50,852
2019 District average teacher salary: $52,501
2017 District amount from Prop 301: $6,151
2018 District amount from Prop 301: $7,072
2019 District amount from Prop 301: $6,703
2017 State average teacher salary: $48,372
2018 State average teacher salary:  $48,951
2019 State average teacher salary:  $52,441
2017 District students per teacher:  20.5
2018 District students per teacher:  22.4
2019 District students per teacher:  20.6
2017 District average years of teacher experience:  7.1
2018 District average years of teacher experience:  7.1
2019 District average years of teacher experience:  8.0
2017 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years:  39%
2018 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years:  40%
2019 District percentage of teachers in first 3 years:  33%

Bar chart showing the percentages of students who passed State assessments
- District percentage of students who passed State Math assessments:  26%
- Peer average percentage of students who passed State Math assessments:  37%
- State average percentage of students who passed State Math assessments:  41%
- District percentage of students who passed State English Language Arts assessments:  22%
- Peer average percentage of students who passed State English Language Arts assessments:  32%
- State average percentage of students who passed State English Language Arts assessments:  40%
- District percentage of students who passed State Science assessments:  29%
- Peer average percentage of students who passed State Science assessments:  35%
- State average percentage of students who passed State Science assessments:  50%