

Queen Creek Unified School District

Maricopa County

Peer group(s): Operational 2 and Transportation 2¹

Legislative district(s): 12 and 16

District location: Suburb

Number of schools: 11

Graduation rate (2019): 93%

Students attending; Size:

8,892; Large

5-year change in students attending:

74% increase

Special education population:

12%

English learner population:

1%

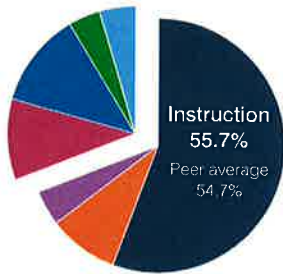
Poverty rate (2019):

5%

Free/reduced meal eligibility:

19%

Spending by operational area



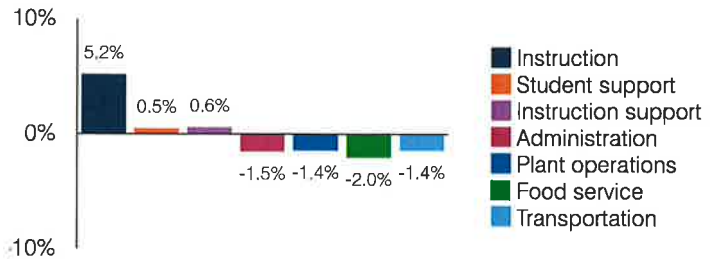
Classroom spending, 69.1%

- Instruction, 55.7%
- Student support, 8.9%
- Instruction support, 4.5%

Nonclassroom spending, 30.9%

- Administration, 10.3%
- Plant operations, 12%
- Food service, 4%
- Transportation, 4.6%

Percentage point change in spending by operational area (fiscal year 2015 versus 2020)



Operational measures relative to peer averages

Operational area	Measure	District	Peer average	State average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$858	\$855	\$936
	Students per administrative position	80	65	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$7.43	\$6.79	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	134	147	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$4.22	\$3.89	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$5.67	\$7.11	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$1,054	\$1,210	\$1,370

Very low Low Comparable High Very high

Lowest, highest, and 2 most recent fiscal years' instructional spending percentages between 2001 and 2020

Lowest	Highest	Most recent years	
2003	2008	2019	2020
49.7%	60.7%	55.5%	55.7%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

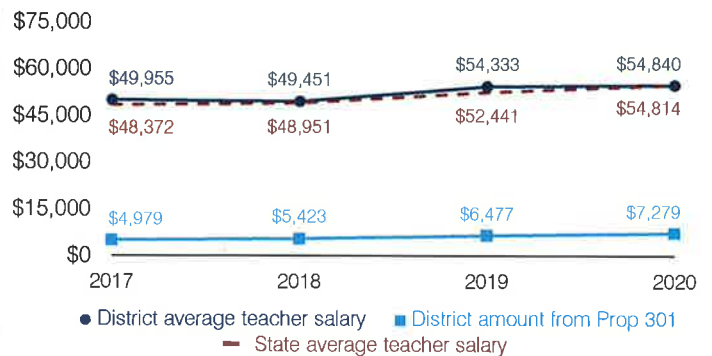
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 557,539	\$ 555,597
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 63	\$ 49

Districts can use COVID-19 federal relief grants from March 2020 through September 2022. Amounts above were used by June 30, 2020.

Per pupil spending by area

Area	District		Peer average 2020	State average 2020
	2019	2020		
Classroom spending				
Instruction	\$ 4,672	\$ 4,634	\$ 4,636	\$ 5,016
Student support	743	741	715	796
Instruction support	359	369	514	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	939	858	855	936
Plant operations	980	997	988	1,048
Food service	322	336	362	432
Transportation	404	386	386	395
Total operational	8,419	8,321	8,456	9,136
Land and buildings	9,416	5,928	1,754	1,053
Equipment	1,229	648	553	533
Interest	590	594	345	273
Other	347	359	153	175
Total nonoperational	11,582	7,529	2,805	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 20,001	\$ 15,850	\$ 11,261	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	19.7	19.3	19.2	19.6
Average years of teacher experience	11.4	11.1	11.4	11.8
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	19%	17%	14%	14%

¹ See Appendix A for information, such as districts included in each peer group, and Appendix C for sources and methodology.