

Santa Cruz Elementary School District

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Peer group(s): Operational 11 and Transportation 11¹

Legislative district(s): 2

District location: Rural

Number of schools: 1

Graduation rate (2019): N/A

Students attending; Size: 189; Very small

5-year change in students attending: 2% increase

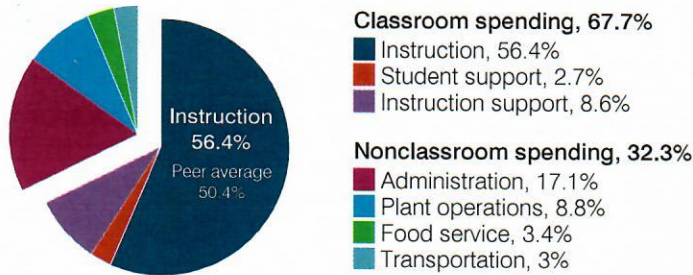
Special education population: 7%

English learner population: 21%

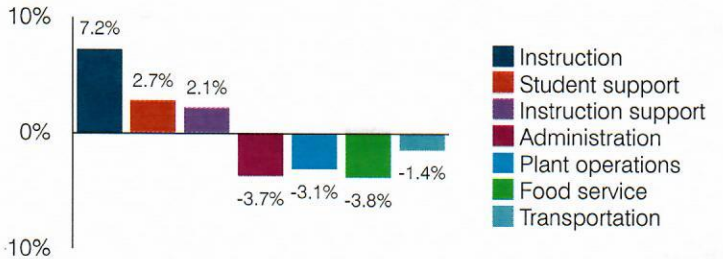
Poverty rate (2019): 16%

Free/reduced meal eligibility: 77%

Spending by operational area



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	\$2,034	\$3,852	\$936
	Students per administrative position	54	31	65
Plant operations	Cost per square foot	\$7.71	\$7.94	\$6.55
	Square footage per student	136	400	160
Food service	Cost per meal	\$4.33	\$6.46	\$3.46
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$1.24	\$2.09	\$4.28
	Cost per rider	\$733	\$1,454	\$1,370

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

Lowest	Highest	Most recent years	
2016	2005	2019	2020
49.1%	70.4%	51.6%	56.4%

COVID-19 federal relief grant spending

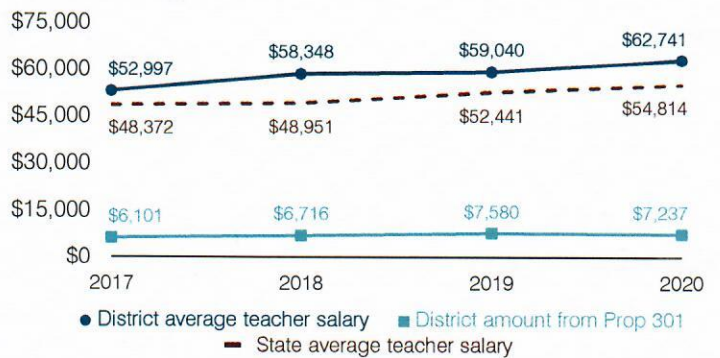
	District	Peer average
Total federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 4,567
Per pupil federal relief grant spending	\$ 0	\$ 71

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	\$ 6,368	\$ 6,718	\$ 9,476	\$ 5,016
Student support	333	317	728	796
Instruction support	1,397	1,023	457	513
Nonclassroom spending				
Administration	1,847	2,034	3,852	936
Plant operations	1,230	1,050	2,825	1,048
Food service	728	412	988	432
Transportation	446	356	877	395
Total operational	12,349	11,910	19,203	9,136
Land and buildings	859	77	2,078	1,053
Equipment	611	1,794	1,343	533
Interest	21	0	30	273
Other	0	0	72	175
Total nonoperational	1,491	1,871	3,523	2,034
Total per pupil spending	\$ 13,840	\$ 13,781	\$ 22,726	\$ 11,170

Average teacher salary and other measures



Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020
Students per teacher	16.5	15.8	13.4	14.6
Average years of teacher experience	13.5	14.5	15.9	17.8
Percentage of teachers in first 3 years	0%	7%	0%	0%

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