

Cave Creek Unified School District

Budget Resource Guide

2019-2020

Welcome to our Cave Creek Unified School District's 2019-2020 Budget Resource Guide. The purpose of this guide is to provide an opportunity for you, our CCUSD® community, to better understand our district budget including:

- What are the types of revenue for school districts?
- Where does our revenue come from?
- What are our tax rates and how do they compare to surrounding districts?
- What is the calendar/timeline for the budget?
- How is the money spent?
- Who are our legislators?



We hope using this guide will provide explanations and illustrations to assist in understanding how the educational budget process works in the State of Arizona and in the Cave Creek Unified School District. Our Governing Board has adopted fiscal stewardship and tax philosophies that demonstrate the Board's commitment to accountability for our staff, families and community in order to provide students the best education possible.

In CCUSD, we pride ourselves in "doing more with less" by keeping tax rates low yet providing the highest quality education possible for our approximately 5,500 Preschool through Grade 12 students. All seven of our schools are A+ Schools of Excellence. Per Arizona Department of Education achievement data for public school districts, we are the No. 1 school district in the northeast valley for combined English and Math scores. We are No. 1 in Maricopa County for English scores and No. 5 in Arizona for Unified School Districts in combined English and Math scores.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff and we continue to focus on our future through our *Strategic Plan for the 21st Century* and our goals for 2019-2020. These goals will demonstrate continuous improvement in the areas of Writing, Reading and Math in grades K-12. By working together, we can embrace our district mission to *Inspire Excellence*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbi Burdick".

Dr. Debbi Burdick, Superintendent

Governing Board

2019 Members

Kathryn Hill, President
James Rich, Vice President
Scott Brown
Janet Busbee
Beth Hatcher

PHILOSOPHIES

Fiscal stewardship: Cave Creek Unified School District commits to inspiring excellence in all aspects of education, while acting in a financially responsible manner by maximizing all resources possible to enhance student education (e.g. grants; education, community, and business partners; and foundations).

Tax: Cave Creek Unified School District commits to providing its students with the most comprehensive, high quality education available, while maintaining the lowest voter-approved secondary tax rate possible.

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CCUSD® Revenue Sources

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

This fund is used to budget expenditures for the daily operation of the school district, e.g. salaries, benefits, utilities, paper, pencils, etc. It is funded through the state by the primary tax rate. Funds generated by the primary tax rate are allocated to each school district using a state-defined formula. M & O funds cannot be used for capital items such as construction or new computers.

CAPITAL

There is one Capital Fund available for the daily operation of the district.

This fund accounts for budgeted expenses to obtain items by purchase, lease-purchase, lease or long-term lease of capital items. Capital funds are used for such things as construction, computers, and textbooks.

OVERRIDES

An override is a way for a school district to generate additional revenue with voter approval. There are three types of overrides: Special Program, Capital, and Maintenance and Operation (M & O). The Special Program override allows a District to increase its Maintenance and Operation (M & O) budget by up to 5% for seven years. It may be paired with a general M & O override which allows for an increase of up to 10% for seven years. In place of these two, a District may have a general M & O override of up to 15% for seven years. Full funding of these overrides occurs for the first five years, then decreases by one-third each year, unless renewed. A Capital override may be approved and provides funding for capital purchases at a stated dollar amount per year for a stated number of years. Currently, up to 75 percent of the school districts in Maricopa County operate with some type of override. **However, CCUSD® does not have any type of override in place at this time.**

BONDS

A bond is a debt instrument that is secured by a political subdivision of Arizona. It allows school districts to fund projects immediately and pay back the debt over time from the taxation of homes and businesses in the district. **In November of 2014, the local taxpayers approved the issuance of \$30 million in new bonds for the renovation of existing facilities, a small amount of new construction, grounds improvements, technological improvements, and the purchase of student transportation vehicles. In addition, the taxpayers approved the use of approximately \$10 million of existing bond funds for the renovation of existing facilities, grounds improvements, and technological improvements.**

FEDERAL GRANTS

These funds are provided by the federal government to pay for federally mandated programs such as Title 1 (remedial education).

STATE GRANTS

The district receives these funds from the State of Arizona after completing an application and review process. They must be used for specific programs.



CCUSD® 2019-2020 BUDGET

Maintenance and Operation (Operating Budget)	\$34,884,968
Capital	\$ 3,239,313
State and Federal Grants Received	
CTE Federal Perkins	\$ 93,960
CTE State Priority	\$ 57,104
IDEA—Basic Entitlement	\$ 719,940
IDEA—Preschool	\$ 18,074
School Safety Program	\$ 94,526
AZ High School Health & Wellness	\$ 100,000
Title I LEA-ESEA	\$ 327,955
Title II Improving Teacher	\$ 115,072
Title IV	\$ 23,421
Gifted Ed Grant	\$ 4,033
TOTAL	\$ 1,554,085

TERMS TO KNOW

budget: a financial plan that advances the mission of the organization utilizing available financial resources.

budgeting: a priority-setting process for expenditures.

bond: a debt instrument that is secured by a political subdivision of Arizona. It allows school districts to fund projects immediately and pay back the debt over time against the taxation of homes and businesses in the district.

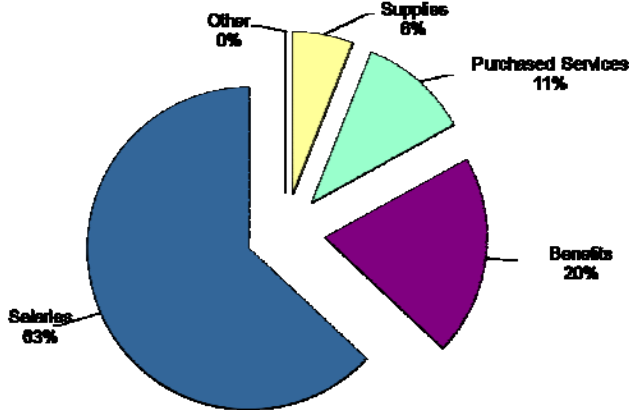
override: a mechanism for a school district to generate additional revenue with voter approval; there are three types of overrides: Special Program, Capital, and Maintenance and Operation (M & O).

primary tax rate: this tax rate is applied to homes and businesses in a school district to help support the M & O and capital budgets.

secondary tax rate: this tax rate is applied to homes and businesses to pay for overrides and bonds.

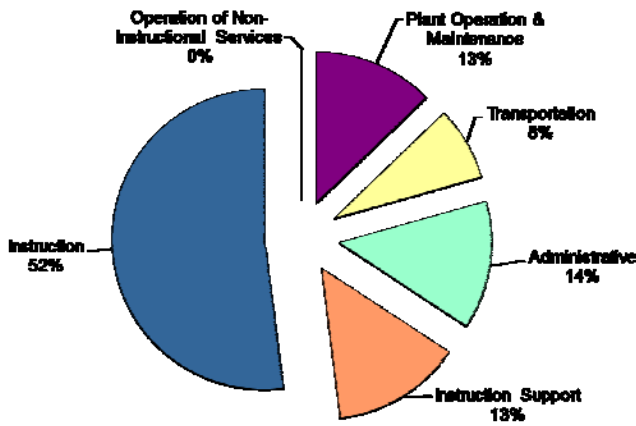
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M&O Expenditures Budget by Object

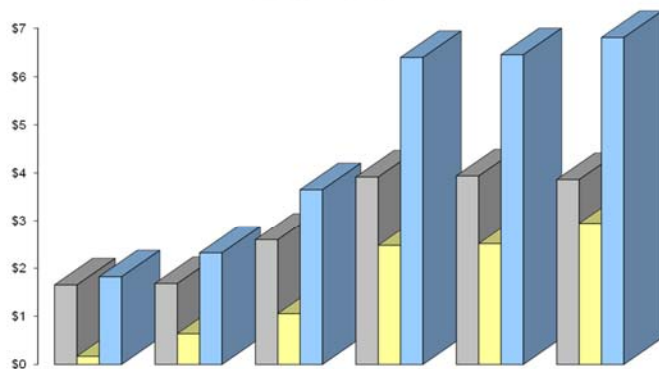


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M&O Expenditures by Function



**Tax Rate Comparison Unified School Districts
2019-2020**



2019-2020	Cave Creek	Fountain Hills	Scottsdale	Paradise Valley	Deer Valley	Peoria
Primary	\$1.6492	\$1.6792	\$2.5928	\$3.9125	\$3.9346	\$3.8591
Secondary	\$0.1697	\$0.6374	\$1.0538	\$2.4734	\$2.5090	\$2.9423
Combined	\$1.8189	\$2.3166	\$3.6466	\$6.3859	\$6.4436	\$6.8014

Where does the funding come from?

The legislature determines funding levels for school districts. The majority of funding for public education comes from the taxpayers. The state collects and allocates money to school districts using a state-defined formula. It is the Legislature that decides how much money schools will receive and which educational programs will be funded. If you have questions regarding public education funding, contact your state representative. Below is a list of the representatives in the Cave Creek Unified School District as of January, 2019.

DISTRICT 1

Sen. Karen Fann (R)
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Rep. Steve Pierce (R)
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DISTRICT 15

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Rep. Nancy Barto (R)
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DISTRICT 23

Sen. Michelle Ugenti-Rita (R)
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Rep. John Kavanagh (R)
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Rep. Jay Lawrence (R)
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For up-to-date information about bills being considered in the Legislature, go online to www.azleg.state.az.us. Or call: (602) 926-3559 (Senate) (602) 926-4221 (House)

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET CALENDAR

AUGUST	<p>Finance and Human Resources conduct budget training sessions for new administrators.</p> <p>Finance Department distributes new budget information.</p>
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER - MAY	<p>Interest-Based Negotiations Teams meet to discuss compensation package for 2020-2021.</p>
MARCH	<p>Governing Board reviews budget proposals and provides additional input.</p>
MARCH-APRIL	<p>Interest-Based Negotiations Teams prioritize needs and define possible adjustments.</p>
APRIL	<p>Interest-Based Negotiations Teams submit proposed 2020-2021 compensation package proposal to District Administration.</p>
APRIL-MAY	<p>Finance Department prepares total district-wide preliminary budget request which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest-Based Negotiation Teams' proposal• District-wide proposals• Insurance and other fixed cost increases
MAY	<p>Finance Department defines revenue sources and prepares budget summary comparing requested expenditures to available revenue.</p>
MAY-JUNE	<p>Finance Department prepares final budget proposal for presentation to Governing Board.</p>
JUNE-JULY	<p>Final budget proposal presented to Governing Board for approval and authorization to advertise.</p> <p>Proposed 2020-2021 budget to Arizona Department of Education for advertising.</p> <p>Publication of 2020-2021 Proposed Budget and Notice of Public Hearing.</p> <p>Public Hearing and Adoption of 2020-2021 Budget.</p> <p>Statutory deadline for Public Hearing and Adoption.</p> <p>Statutory deadline to file 2020-2021 Budget with County School Superintendent.</p>