

FACT SHEET

Chandler Unified School District

Budget Override Continuation Facts

What is an Override?

An override is a mechanism which allows voters in a school district to approve additional funding for operational expenses for its schools that state funding does not cover. The override election would allow the district to exceed its state-imposed budget by 15%. Since the district is requesting a continuation of the existing override in order to continue our academic programming, we do not expect a tax rate increase based on current and projected property values.

Spending Comparison

Entity	Per student
CUSD (2020)	\$10,664
State (2020)	\$11,170
National (2018)	\$14,530

*Auditor General and State Superintendent's Report

Chandler Unified School District Per Student Funding

Arizona school funding is based on this formula:

- The number of students
- The number of miles students are transported

Additionally:

- United States Census Bureau ranks Arizona 49th in the nation in per pupil funding
- When property values within the boundaries of CUSD increase from the previous year, this doesn't result in more money to the district
- Voters can provide additional funding through approval of the override

M&O Budget Analysis

2021-22 Budget

\$334,286,007

61.26% Instruction
\$204,776,920

4.80% School Offices
\$16,040,041
Principals, assistant principals, and clerical staff

4.40% Utilities, Insurance, Property Liability
\$14,712,715

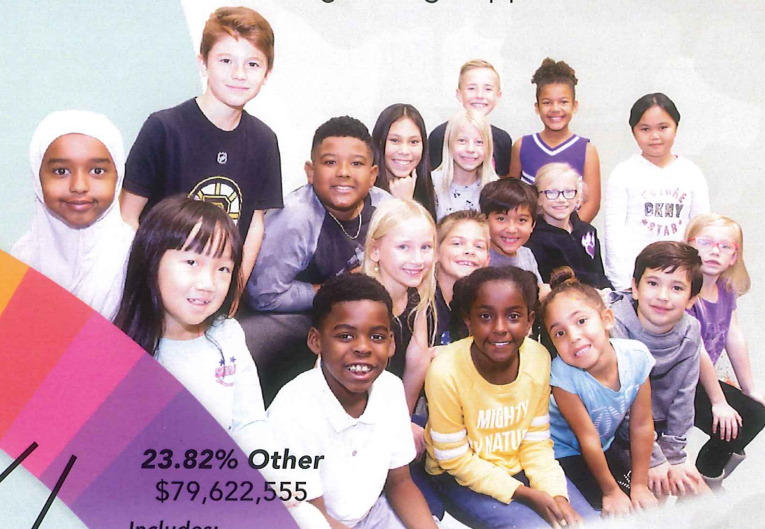
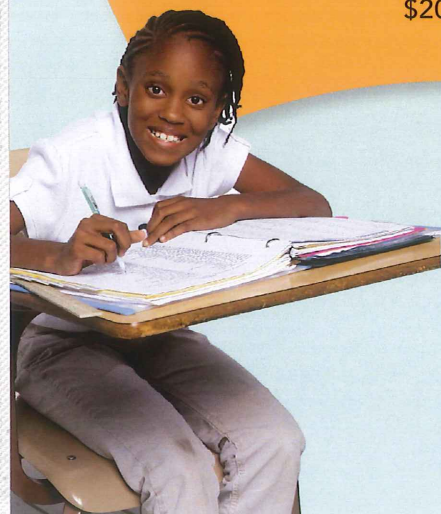
5.72% District Administration
\$19,133,776

23.82% Other
\$79,622,555

Includes:

- Teacher Training
- Student Assessment
- Librarians
- Counselors
- Speech Therapists

- Nurses/Attendance
- Security
- Custodians
- Maintenance
- Transportation





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What CUSD's Override will do for students?

- Promote a safe and secure school environment
- Provide competitive salaries to help retain and attract highly qualified teachers and staff
 - Research confirms one of the most important factors in student success is "Quality Teachers"
 - There is a significant shortage in Arizona in classroom teachers and the override allows the district to help attract teachers
- To maintain manageable class sizes
- Continue programs in the areas of technology, STEM, physical education, athletics, fine arts such as music, art, drama, foreign language and other electives
- Help ensure academic programming remains at current level

How will your taxes be affected?

- Since the district is requesting a continuation of the existing override, we do not expect a tax rate increase. The estimated first year tax rate for the override is \$1.18 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which matches the current tax rate.

Important Election Dates

Oct. 4 Voter registration. You must be registered to vote by October 4. To verify your voter registration is up to date visit www.azsos.gov/elections

Oct. 6 Ballots will be mailed

Oct. 22 Last day to request early ballot

Oct. 26 Last day to mail in ballot. Drop it in any mailbox. A ballot drop box will also be located at the district office from Oct. 6 - Nov. 1

Nov. 2 Election day is Nov. 2. The CUSD district office located at 1525 W. Frye Rd. is a polling site and will be open Oct. 25 - Nov. 1 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and on Nov. 2 from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.



District Overview - Approximate

- 45,000 students
- Second-Largest District in Arizona
- Chandler's Second-Largest Employer
- 80 Square Miles in the District
- 1,000 Acres of District Land
- 5.5 Million Square Feet School Space

By the Numbers...

- \$159,344,605 in scholarships, 18,649 hours of college credit awarded to the 2021 senior class
- 94 A+ Schools of Excellence or National Blue Ribbon Awards since 1983 with 84% of our schools receiving one of these awards
- 224 athletic state championships in the last 5 years
- Four-year graduation rate of 93%
- 208 National Merit Finalists in the last 5 years
- 81 Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate offerings
- 6,566 AP Exams taken in 2021
- 1,131 AP Scholars
- 98 Dual course offerings
- 43 Language offerings
- 27 Athletic offerings
- 10 Flinn Scholars in the last 5 years (10% of AZ total)
- 90% of parents rate CUSD with an A or B
- Student teacher ratio of 24:1

