

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. The override election would allow the district to exceed its budget by 15%. Since the district is requesting a continuation of the existing override, we do not expect a tax rate increase.

Funding Per Student

Fiscal Year	Per student
2007-08	\$ 5,637
2008-09	\$ 5,494
2009-10	\$ 5,548
2010-11	\$ 5,171
2011-12	\$ 5,153
2012-13	\$ 5,263
2013-14	\$ 5,388
2014-15	\$ 5,449
2015-16	\$ 5,622
2016-17	\$ 5,658

CUSD's per student funding has not changed since 2008.

Arizona school funding is based on this formula:

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

Additionally:

- Arizona is considered to fund education among lowest levels in the nation
- 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 allow the district to exceed its operating budgets.

M&O Budget Analysis

2017-18 Budget

\$261,448,244

60.3% Instruction
\$157,650,257

5.71% School Offices
\$14,940,579

Principals, assistant principals, and clerical staff

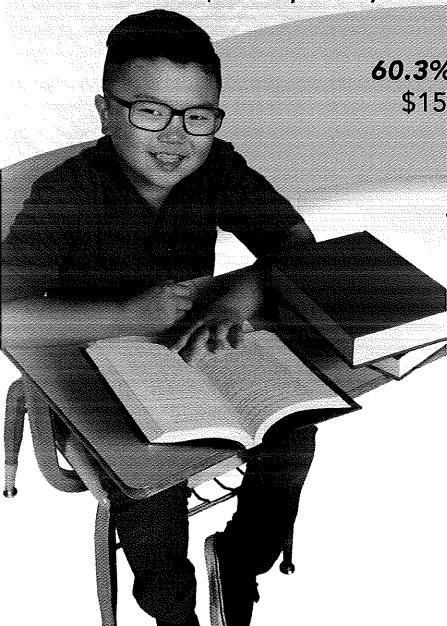
4.45% Utilities, Insurance, Property Liability
\$11,627,662

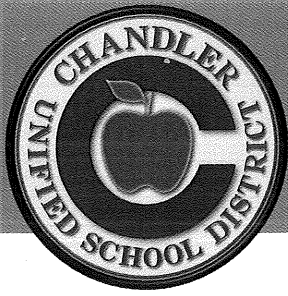
4.13% District Administration
\$10,804,398

25.41% Other
\$66,425,348

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?

- Help ensure academic programming remains at current level.
- 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 the best teachers.
- Continue instruction in the areas of technology, STEM, physical education, athletics, fine arts such as music, art, drama, foreign language and other electives.
- Promote a safe and healthy school environment.

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 current tax rate is \$1.31

Important Election Dates

Oct. 9 Voter registration. You must be registered to vote by October 9th. To verify your voter registration is up to date visit www.azsos.gov/elections.

Oct. 11 Ballots will be mailed.

Oct. 27 Last day to request early ballot.

Nov. 3 Last day to mail in ballot. Drop it in any mailbox.

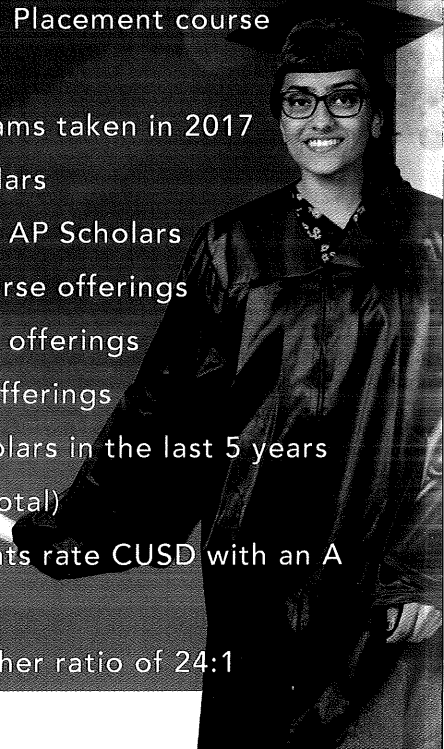
Nov. 4-7 Election day is Nov. 7. Polling sites are open starting on Nov. 4 - Nov. 7 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The CUSD district office located at 1525 W. Frye Rd. is a polling site.

District Overview

- 45,000 students and growing
- Third-Largest District in Arizona
- Chandler's Second-Largest Employer
- 80 Square Miles in the District
- 872.50 Acres of District Land
- 4.4 Million Square Feet School Space

By the Numbers...

- \$118,459,143 in scholarships, 30,096 hours of college credit and 112,993 hours of service awarded to the 2017 senior class.
- 80 A+ Schools of Excellence or National Blue Ribbon Awards since 1983.
- Four-year graduation rate of 92.2%
- 120 National Merit Finalists in the last 5 years.
- 40 Advanced Placement course offerings
- 7,096 AP Exams taken in 2017
- 447 AP Scholars
- 102 National AP Scholars
- 107 Dual course offerings
- 48 Language offerings
- 26 Athletic offerings
- 11 Flinn Scholars in the last 5 years (11% of AP total)
- 96% of parents rate CUSD with an A or B.
- Student teacher ratio of 24:1



CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80
15% MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION
BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2017

CERTAIN QUESTIONS:

1. 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. The override to be considered at the Election would allow the District to exceed its budget limit by 15%. If approved, the increase would be continued for another seven years, but funding is reduced beginning year five.

2. What is the difference between a bond and an override?

A bond allows the district additional funding to use for capital items noted in the voter pamphlet. Capital items include new buildings, additions to buildings, land, school buses, renovations to buildings, furniture, equipment and technology.

An override is for operational expenses including salaries, benefits, supplies, purchased services, utilities and insurance. An override allows a district to exceed its budget limit up to 15%.

3. Has the District been operating under an override?

The District has been operating under a 15% override since 2013 and has had an override since 1989.

4. How does Arizona fund schools?

Arizona funds its schools based on the number of students and the miles students are transported. It is formula based funding and a school district's budget limit does not increase or decrease if the assessed value in the district changes. Arizona provides a specific dollar amount per student for maintenance and operational expenses (salaries, benefits, supplies, services, utilities) and for capital (furniture, equipment, technology, vehicles, textbooks, library books, instructional aids). The capital allocation has not been fully funded for four years.

6. What exactly does a successful override mean to my specific school?

- to allow the District to meet the demands of a growing district;
- to fully implement the programs related to our long-range strategic plan Journey 2025;
- to help the District attract and retain great teachers;
- to reduce the District's need to eliminate effective programs and services to students and parents;
- to maintain respectable class sizes;
- to provide professional development for teachers to increase student achievement; and
- to maintain safety features at District schools.

7. How does pupil teacher ratio in the District compare to other districts?

The District has an average pupil to teacher ratio of 23.5:1. In a self-reported study, the District had one of the lowest teacher pupil ratios of the surrounding districts.

8. How is the community included in the district's budget and financial decisions?

The District utilizes a citizen's budget committee to verify expenditures for maintenance and operation. When the District is considering a bond issue, a citizen's growth committee is formed to help determine the must-have capital items. Please let us know if you want to participate.

9. Many community members donate \$400 to a school each year to obtain the Arizona tax credit. Why doesn't the District just find new ways to get more people to donate?

By statute, tax credit monies must be used for extracurricular support for students. The District could not legally use it for regular expenditures such as new teachers, salaries, benefits, supplies or utilities. Tax credit funding is important for providing those out of school day opportunities for students, but it doesn't provide more money for the District to spend. Expenditures of tax credit money in the classroom are prohibited by statute.

10. What is the impact on the district's budget if the override fails?

There is a large shortage of qualified teachers. The passage of the override helps the district avoid being impacted by the current teacher shortage.

**LEGAL GUIDELINES FOR PROMOTING THE 2017 ELECTION
AND DONOR REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

The law clearly states that district resources CANNOT be used to promote elections. Listed below are the dos and don'ts based on whether you are paid by Chandler Unified School District or not.

Non-CUSD Employees

CAN:

- Have total freedom to speak their mind at any time unless it uses districts resources
- Can make factual presentations on district facilities at any time
- Wear pro t-shirts any time
- Talk to parents outside district buildings
- Rent district facilities for purpose of promoting override
- Contact district employees after the work shift is completed

CANNOT:

- Hold meetings in district facilities to promote elections
- Use district printers unless the Override Committee reimburses the district
- Call district employees that are on duty to promote elections
- Use students in any way to promote the election
- Use district phones or related devices at any time

CUSD Employees

CAN:

- When off duty and off district property, employees may advocate for the override
- If off duty and the district facility is rented by the Override Committee, the employee can advocate the override
- Can share facts any time and refer to the district website

CANNOT:

- Use students in any way to promote the election
- Promote elections while on duty in the district
- Advocate the override on district property or using district resources
- Wear pro t-shirts while on duty

DONOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Name
Full address and zip
Employer and position
Amount donated

No limited on amounts a person can donate. Must report above information for donations \$25 or over.