



EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY, PREPARED TO SHAPE TOMORROW

PEORIA UNIFIED

has excelling schools, award-winning Arts Education and Career & Technical Education programs, specialized Signature programs, championship sports and dedicated teachers, all to ensure students are college and career ready – prepared to shape tomorrow.



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consistently reports graduation rates 10 to 15 percent above state and national averages. A record \$65 million in scholarships was awarded to 2016 graduates.

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upholds a 126-year rich tradition of excellence and remains an outstanding return on your educational choice.

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HIGHLIGHTS | 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

- Vistancia Elementary named a National Blue Ribbon School
- Copperwood, Santa Fe & Vistancia schools designated as Arizona A+ Schools of Excellence
- Named Innovative District by International Center for Leadership in Education
- Early Childhood Education, a Career & Technical Education Program, received an Excellence in Action Award
- Centennial High won State Football Championship
- School volunteers logged more than 57,000 hours – equivalent to \$458,850 at current state minimum wage
- Business Services recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting by Government Finance Officers Association

93% High school graduation rate*

17.8 Average number of students per teacher*

42 Schools: 34 K-8; seven 9-12th; 1 non-traditional high school

10.6 Average years of teacher experience*

36k+ Students: 24,000 in PreK-8 grades; 12,000 in 9-12th grades

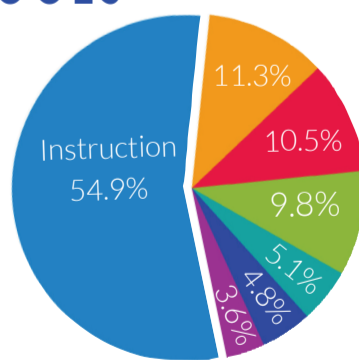
18% Teachers in first 3 years*

Source: Peoria Unified School District and *Arizona Office of the Auditor General Fiscal Year 2015

HOW WE OPERATE OUR SCHOOLS

Peoria Unified received \$7,896 per student from many sources: federal, state, county, local taxes, grants & donations to operate.

- Instruction
- Maintenance & Operations
- Administration, includes School Support Staff
- Student Support
- Instructional Support
- Food Service
- Transportation



Source: Arizona Office of the Auditor General FY2015

PATRONS SUPPORT OUR EXCELLENCE

In April, Peoria Unified Governing Board members approved a \$198 million bond election. If approved, the 2016 bond authorization would fund repairs to all school buildings, renovate high school performing arts centers, purchase land and construction of new school buildings and update technology and infrastructure throughout the district.

- YES Overrides in 1996, 2001, 2006, 2010, 2015
- YES Bond Elections in 1996, 2002, 2005, 2012

The 2012 bond doesn't allow for the purchase of land or new building construction. For a detailed report of 2012 bond expenditures by school, visit www.peoriaunified.org/bondsandoverrides.

WHAT PROP 123 MEANS TO PEORIA UNIFIED

Arizona voters passed Prop 123 in May, increasing the distribution of the State Land Trust funding for education from 2.5% to 6.9% – or \$3,426 to \$3,600 per student – for the next 10 years. Thanks to voters, with the additional funds, Peoria Unified increased salaries by 6.81% to retain and attract quality staff.

GOVERNING BOARD

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| Matt Bullock | Judy Doane | David Jonagan | Kathy Knecht | Beverly Pingerelli |
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ADMINISTRATION

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| Dr. Darwin Stiffler, Superintendent | Ken Hicks, CFO |
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