

# Budget Override

Continuation Facts 2018



## District Overview

**Tanque Verde Unified School District** serves approximately 2,100 students in four schools - Tanque Verde High School (TVHS), Emily Gray Jr. High School (EGJH), Agua Caliente Elementary School (ACES), and Tanque Verde Elementary School (TVES). The district employs 151 certified staff and 123 classified (support) staff. The district encompasses 244,351 square feet of building space. Over 770 students ride over 150,000 miles on 19 school buses each year, in addition to field trip and athletics/activities transportation provided for all students.

## Revenue Sources

The district receives money from several revenue sources: the state and federal governments, local property taxes and grants. Under state law, the district may spend the funds in two ways:

- **Maintenance and operations funds** are used for running the schools and go toward employee salaries and benefits, classroom supplies and transportation.
- **Capital funds** are used to build and equip schools, repair and upgrade existing buildings, buy school buses and purchase technology.

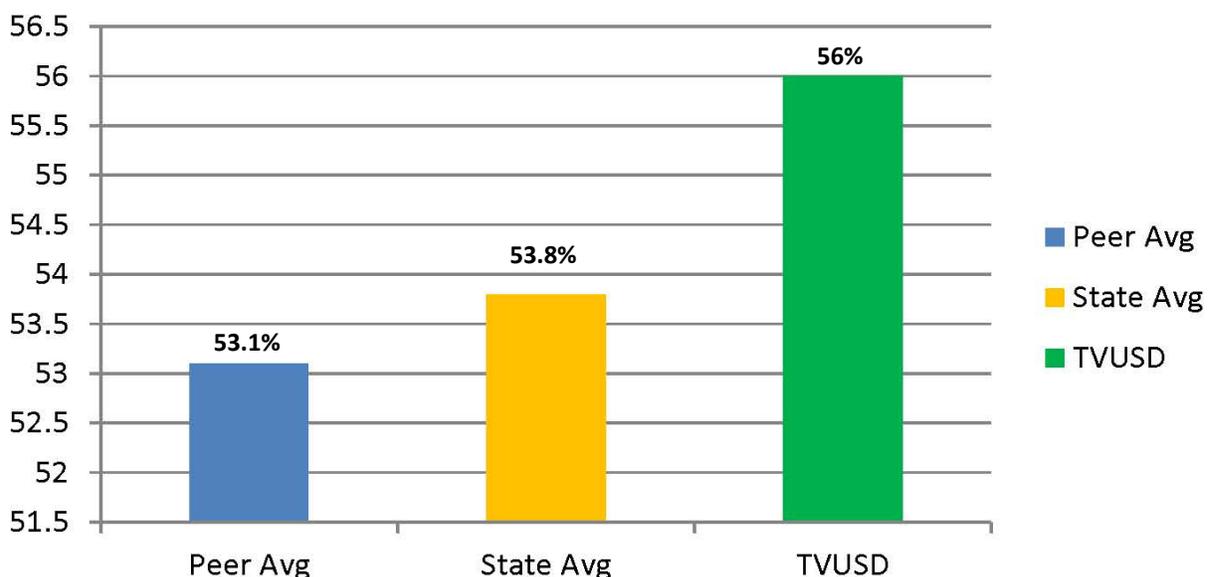


### Supporting Student Learning and Academic Success

The 15% M&O Budget Override supports the current instructional program including art, music, physical education, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment courses, and Career and Technical Education



## 2017 Dollars in the Classroom %



Source: Auditor General's Arizona School District Spending (Classroom Dollars), Fiscal Year 2017 (March 2018) Report  
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## Frequently Asked Questions



### **What is an override?**

An override allows school district voters to approve additional funding for their local school district's operational expenses. The M&O Budget Override authorizes the district to continue to support its maintenance and operations budget with additional local funding. An override is authorized for seven years, but it must be renewed every five years to maintain full funding.

### **Has the district been operating under an override?**

Yes. Tanque Verde USD has had an override in place since before year 2000. The current 15% Maintenance & Operations Budget Override was approved in 2014.

### **What does the override pay for?**

The override funds academic programs such as Arts, Music, Physical Education, Gifted Education, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education.

### **What does the override currently cost me?**

For your personal tax impact, check your tax bill. The owner of an average home in the district pays \$365 a year. The override is funded through the secondary property tax levy.

### **Will I have to pay additional taxes if the override continuation passes?**

This is not an additional tax—If the override is continued, it will not increase the tax rate. It will continue the override already in place. The amount of the taxes paid by a homeowner varies based on current home valuation, and changes in the district budget.

### **How will the override appear on my ballot?**

On the ballot it is referred to as a "budget override continuation."



### **What is the difference between a bond and an override?**

A bond provides the district additional funding to use for capital items such as renovations to buildings, school buses, equipment and technology. Tanque Verde voters last approved a bond in November, 2008.

### **Why doesn't the district use the bond funds or school tax credit donations for the needs funded by the override?**

State statute dictates how various funds can be spent by school district. The district is not permitted to use bond funds or tax credit donations for classroom teacher salaries and benefits, programs or training.