

Budget Increase Fact Sheet

Election Date: Nov. 5, 2019

Mail-in ballot only

PROPOSITION 475 (10% INCREASE)



A maintenance and operations budget increase, or override, allows Amphitheater District voters to provide additional funding above what the state allocates. The District has had a 10% override in place since 2005. This requested budget increase is a continuation of that override and would keep about \$7.9 million in funding in place for the District.

PROPOSITION 476 (3.5% INCREASE)



The special programs override allows Amphitheater District voters to provide additional funding for specific programs. Amphitheater is seeking a 3.5% override for K-3 programs, including all-day kindergarten and reduced class sizes for our youngest learners. The override would provide about \$2.9 million in classroom funding.

How will the budget increases serve Amphitheater students?

The overrides provide the District with the ability to:

- Reduce and maintain lower class sizes across grade levels.
- Keep expanded and higher level courses.



- Offer intervention programs for challenged learners.
- Guarantee art, music and P.E. classes for all elementary students.
- Compete for and retain quality teachers and staff.



- Provide free all-day kindergarten at all elementary and K-8 schools.
- Further reduce class sizes in kindergarten through third grade, years when foundations of learning are set.



Impact of overrides on homeowners

The 10% budget override is a continuation of an existing override and therefore has **no impact** on current tax bills.

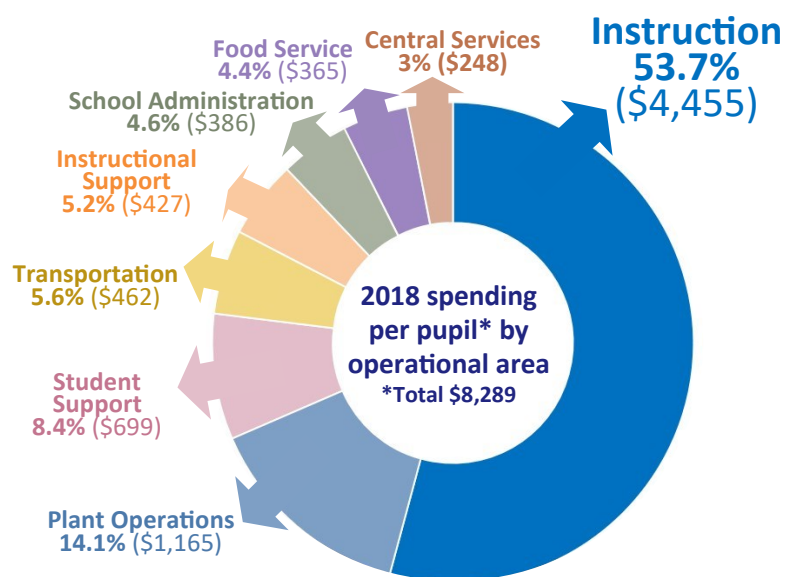
The 3.5% increase would cost the average homeowner in the Amphitheater Public Schools community about **\$43 per year**.

What if the budget increases don't pass?

If the 10% override is not approved, the District may have to make cuts or eliminate programs. If the K-3 measure does not pass, the District will be unable to fund all-day Kindergarten at all elementary and K-8 schools and will not be able to further reduce class sizes in grades K-3.

Did you know?

- The District has a higher graduation rate than the state average.
- Students in the District outperform peers on the state's AzMERIT test.
- Amphitheater has lower administrative costs than peer districts.



Note: District Administration spending is less than 1% (\$81)



Key dates: Oct. 7: Deadline to register to vote. Oct. 9: Ballots mailed to registered voters. Nov. 5: Election Day.

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