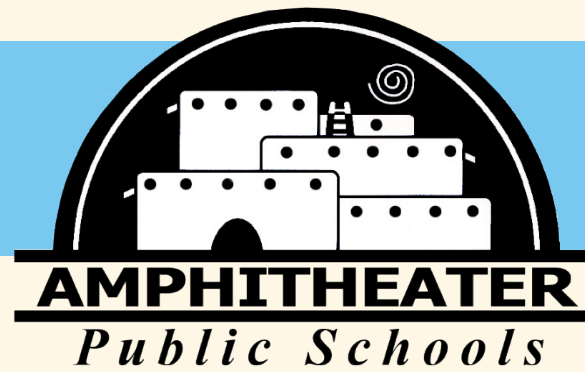




Annual Report on District Programs Financed through Budget Override





General Information about Budget Overrides

- Arizona law permits school districts to obtain local voter approval to *override* the state budget formulas for a school district's capital and/or maintenance and operations (M&O) budgets.
- Voters may also authorize a special programs override to exceed the budget for a specific program.
- Funds received through the override are used for the specific purposes approved by the voters.
- The amount of the budget increase is limited to the percentage amount approved by the voters and for the length of time authorized by the voters.



State Limitations on School District Spending

- Regardless of a school district's tax base or its level of need, each school district is limited by state formulas to the amount it can spend as M&O and Capital funds.
- Except for bonds, state formulas generally tie spending to the number of enrolled students.
- Arizona school districts do not have authority to increase their budget without voter-approval to *override* the budget set through state formula.
- The additional funding provided through a budget override annually depends on the M&O budget. Annual amounts provided by a budget override are a percentage of the M&O budget.



Amphitheater Public Schools Overrides

Prior to 2025, with the support of our voters, Amphitheater benefitted from two overrides that support programs that directly benefit our students.

1. 10% general M&O budget override
2. 3.5% K-3 special programs budget override

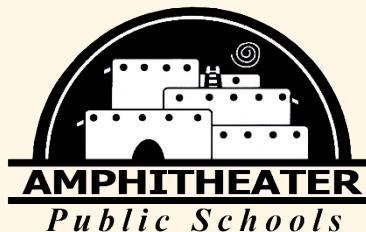
At the time of our last override renewal, these two separate overrides were merged into one, 13.5%, override.





13.5% M&O Override Amount

- The 13.5% budget override amount represents 13.5% of the amount of funding the State provides Amphitheater Public Schools each year.
- When the state education funding is higher, then the 13.5% budget increase is higher.
- When the M&O override was first approved in 2005, the override amount was approximately \$8.1 million. Each year's amount fluctuates depending on the amount of funding the state provides for education for that year and the District's student enrollment.
- Last year, the M&O override provided \$11,452,336 in additional funding to Amphitheater Public Schools.



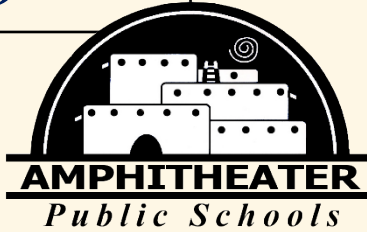


Comparison of Amounts Provided by 10% M&O Override

2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
(Actual)	(Actual)	(Actual)
\$8,550,093	\$8,623,074	\$8,902,633

Comparison of Amounts Provided by the 3.5% K-3 Special Programs Override

2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
(Actual)	(Actual)	(Actual)
\$2,474,823	\$2,610,148	\$3,097,209





Comparison of Amounts Provided by 13.5% M&O Override

2024-25 (10% + 3.5%)	2025-2026 (13.5%)	2026-2027 (13.5%)
(Actual)	(Actual)	(Projected)
\$11,999,842	\$11,452,336	\$11,275,252



Schools that Receive Funding through the 13.5% M&O Override

High Schools

Amphitheater High School
Canyon del Oro High School
Ironwood Ridge High School

Middle Schools

Amphitheater Middle School
Cross Middle School
La Cima Middle School

K-8 Schools

Coronado K-8 School
Wilson K-8 School

Online School

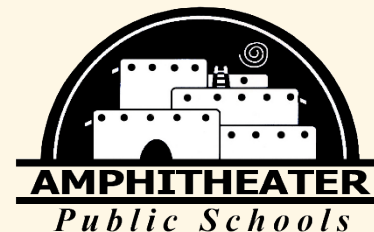
Amphi Academy Online

Student Services Program

Rillito Center

Elementary Schools

Harelson Elementary
Innovation Academy
Keeling Elementary
Mesa Verde Elementary
Painted Sky Elementary
Prince Elementary
Rio Vista Elementary
Walker Elementary





How the 13.5% M&O Override Helps Students

- All elementary schools have dedicated certificated teachers for their special class offerings:

Art

Music

Physical Education

- All middle schools benefit through additional elective classes and intervention labs, which may include:

Career Exploration

Drama

Dance

Math Lab

MESA

Programming

Science

Technology

Writing Lab

- All high schools benefit with additional elective classes in areas of technology, science and fine arts, such as:

Advanced Placement

Art

Computer Science

Dual Enrollment

Modern Languages

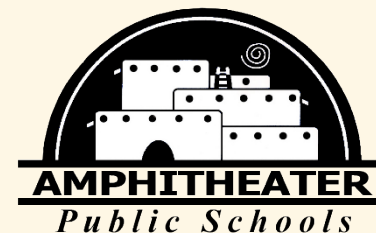
Music

- Students in every Amphi school have benefitted from the override through tutoring and intervention programs provided during the school year and over the summer.



How the 13.5% M&O Override Helps Students

- Prior to voters approving the 13.5% Override, voters authorized the District to override its budget for Kindergarten through Third Grade by 3.5%
- The 13.5% Override continues Amphitheater's commitment to:
 1. Free All Day Kindergarten
 2. Further reduction of class size in K-3 grades
- Amount provided by override depends on amount of funding the State provides Amphitheater Public Schools each year





How the 13.5% Override Helps Elementary Schools

Free Full-day Kindergarten in All Elementary and K-8 Schools

- Title I funds were previously used to subsidize Kindergarten in Title I schools
 - Now, those funds are being used to help all students in the Title I schools
- Parents in schools that did not qualify to receive Title I funds used to have to subsidize a half-day of Kindergarten
 - Now, no parent pays for Kindergarten at any Amphitheater school



Additional Help for K-3 Students through the 13.5% Override

Additional Class Size Reduction for K-3 Grades

- Since the election, Procedure 5-211.A (Class Size) has been revised to further reduce class size maximums for K-3 classes while the override is in place to:

Kindergarten:	25 Students
First Grade:	25 Students
Second Grade:	26 Students
Third Grade:	27 Students

- This year, average K-3 class sizes meet the 5-211.A maximums. However, 5-211.A also puts steps in place for assistance to be provided to a teacher should class maximums need to be exceeded.



Other Important Benefits Provided through 13.5% M&O Override

- The 13.5% M&O override adds approximately 3.5±% to base salaries for employees, which helps keep District salaries competitive to be able to hire quality educators.
- The 13.5% M&O override adds technology and facilities positions to enable the District to remain current with technology changes and growing technology demands.
 - 2 Maintenance Tech II positions in the Facilities Department, and
 - 1 Programmer Analyst in the Technology Department.



Important Facts about the 13.5% Override

- Approved by the voters in November 2024
- Remains in place for 7-years
 - Authorizes budget override at the full percentage for the first 5 years
 - Began School Year 2025-2026
 - Full override ends School Year 2029-2030
- Unless renewed, the override will phase down during years 6 and 7 as follows:
 - Year 6 (2030-2031): decreased by 1/3
 - Year 7 (2031-2032): decreased by another 1/3
 - Year 8 (2032-2033): override ceases and budget returns to regular state budget



Concluding Remarks

- The 13.5% override provides substantial benefits for Amphitheater students, enhancing their educational experience, and contributing to the attainment of the skills associated with the Promise of a Graduate and Amphitheater's College and Career Readiness Framework.
- The 13.5% override provides critical programs and support necessary for student success at a national level and in a rapidly changing world, particularly given the funding challenges in Arizona. This year, the override is projected to infuse approximately \$11,275,353 into Amphitheater's programs, ensuring that our students continue to benefit from these incredible programs and staff.
- Amphitheater Public Schools is especially grateful to the voters of the school district who continue to support the students of the District with these overrides

