



Budget Override

Facts 2015

Our Programs

- All Day Kindergarten
- Band and Orchestra
- Dual Enrollment Courses
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Athletics
- Preschool Program
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program

OUR SCHOOLS

Queen Creek High School	9-12
Newell Barney Junior High	7-8
Queen Creek Middle School	6
Desert Mountain Elementary	K-5
Jack Barnes Elementary	K-5
Frances-Brandon Pickett Elementary	K-5
Queen Creek Elementary School	K-5
Gateway Polytechnic Academy	K-6

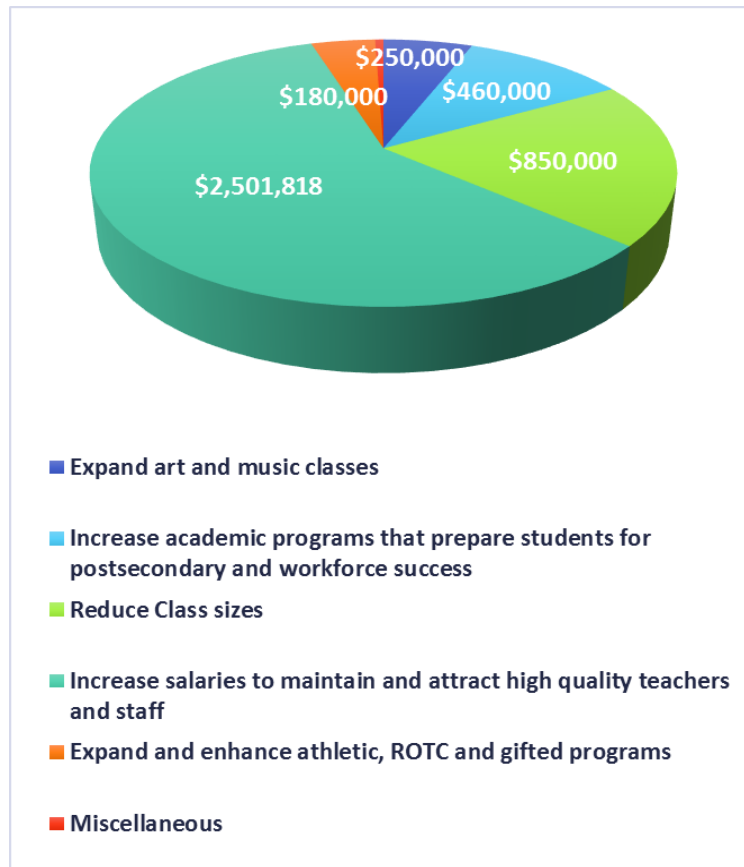
District Overview

Queen Creek is a suburban community in the central part of Arizona. Our town has many amenities for growing families and is a short commute from the Phoenix metropolitan area. We're proud of our small town feel and family atmosphere - a place where you know your neighbors by name.

Queen Creek School District consists of four elementary schools, one academy, one middle school, one junior high school, and one high school. Our enrollment is approximately 5,000 students. We offer a quality educational program with our top-notch educators and support staff. Our students continue to exceed state and national averages on our achievement test scores. We are dedicated to providing a challenging learning experience for our students in a loving, supportive environment. Queen Creek is a great place to be!

Queen Creek Unified School District is one of only nine districts in the state to have been graded "A" by the [Arizona Department of Education](#) for four consecutive years. We are proud of that designation, and we are proud of the high academic and athletic performance of our students.

Proposed Override Spending



By the Numbers...

- 6 Arizona Board of Regent's High Honors recipients
- 7 National Merit Finalists
- 13 National Merit Commendations
- 24 Honors, Dual Enrollment or AP course offerings
- 33+ Different Career, Fine Art, Modern Language, and Athletic Elective programs
- 43 students earned college credit in AP testing last year
- 428 students exceeded on one or more AIMS test
- \$3,050,000 + awarded in Scholarships & Aid to our 2013 senior class
- An "A" rated district four years in a row



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What is an override?

An override allows school district voters to approve additional funding for operational expenses. The override would allow the district to exceed its budget by 15 percent. If approved, the election authorizes an increase for seven years, but the override must be renewed every five years to maintain full funding.

Has the district been operating under an override?

Queen Creek Unified School District was operating with an override from 2004-2015. The override election for 2015-16 failed by 300 votes.

What does the override pay for?

The override funds teaching positions, academic programs, employee compensation and reducing class sizes.

What does the override cost me?

For your personal tax impact, check your tax bill. The owner of an average home in the district will pay \$244 a year, or \$20 per month.

How will the override appear on my ballot?

On the ballot it is referred to as a “budget override”

What is the difference between a bond and an override?

A bond provides the district additional funding to use for capital items such as new buildings, additions or renovations to buildings, school buses, equipment and technology, Queen Creek voters last approved a bond in November 2014.

An override is for day-to-day operational expenses including salaries and benefits, classroom supplies, utilities and transportation. Queen Creek voters approved the last override in November 2007.

How long does an override last?

Once approved, the override lasts for 7 years, with full funding for 5 years. Should constituents not pass another override in the 5th year, the override phases out over the next two years.

For more information on how school district funding works, please see the District website at the following address to view a brief video clip: <http://www.qcUSD.org/index.cfm?PID=15704>

