

Test scores remain somewhat acceptable, even though I would not call them admirable.

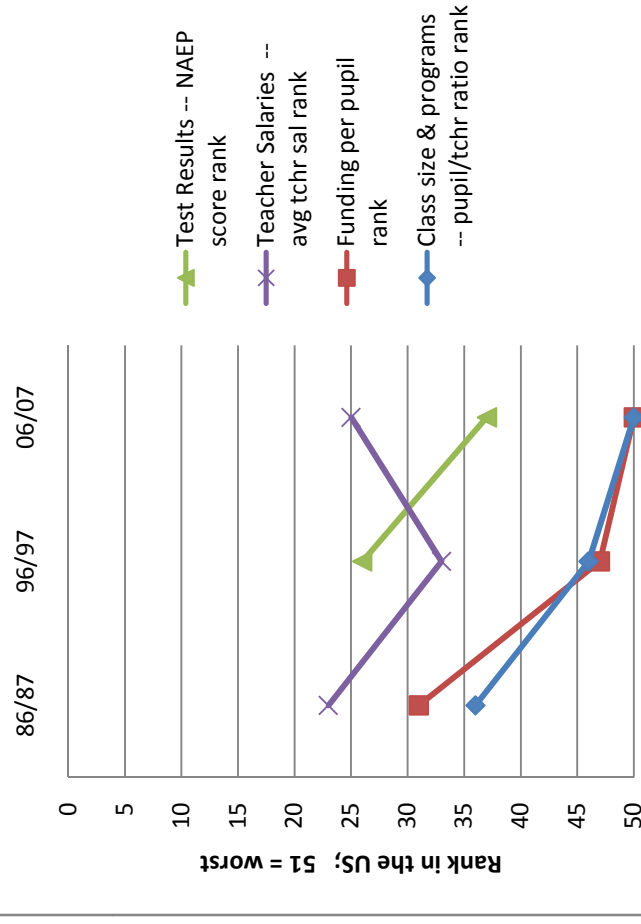
I conclude that AZ teachers are getting fantastic results despite the fact that there are simply not enough of them. With better funding, and consequently more teachers, Arizona could apply its extremely efficient brand of education and get the results we need for our future economy. The one bright spot and reason for some pride in our legislators and school boards is in teachers' salaries. We do seem to be providing a livable wage, and we must protect and improve that.

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Arizona Education History

Year	81/82	86/87	96/97	06/07
\$/ pupil rank	6	31	47	50
"real \$" Adjusted for inflation to 2007 \$	\$5,955	\$6,309	\$5,705	\$6,248
% change		5.94%	-9.57%	9.52%
Pupil/Teacher ratio		18.4	19.7	24.2
p/t ratio rank		36	46	50
Avg Teacher salary		\$47,269	\$42,506	\$44,672
avg tchr sal rank		23	33	25
8th gr math NAEP score rank			26	37
Test Results -- NAEP score rank			26	37
Teacher Salaries -- avg tchr sal rank		23	33	25
Funding per pupil rank	6	31	47	50
Class size & programs -- pupil/tchr ratio rank		36	46	50
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AZ Rankings for Education Funding are Low and Falling



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