This chart illustrates the amount of money spent to support instruction, separated by the categories listed below. Over the last nine years, the greatest spending increases have been found in the instruction and support categories.

**Instruction:** Activities associated with provided classroom instruction. It includes special education costs when related to providing instruction. It also includes paraprofessionals in the classroom and co-curricular activities.

**Plant Operation:** Activities related to the maintenance and upkeep of buildings. It also includes the cost of maintaining safety in buildings; it does not include expenditures associated with major remodeling.

**Administration:** Activities of both the district-level and school-level administration and clerical support for those positions.

**Support:** Activities associated with assisting students and staff. These include counseling services, psychological services, speech therapy services, media services, and staff development. It also includes business services for the district.

This graph is based on information found in “Profile of Changes in Colorado School Funding,” by Augenblick and Myers, now Augenblick, Palaich and Associates (1998, 2000, 2002 and 2003)