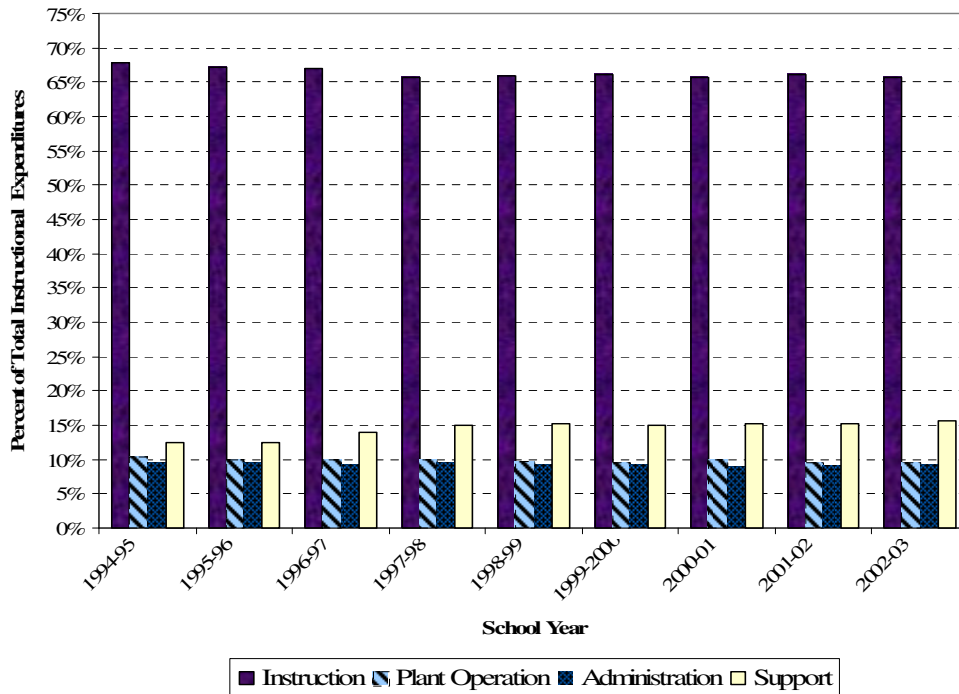




### Instructional Expenditures, % of Total



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. In each of these years 65% or more of the operating budget has been spent in the instruction category.*

**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.

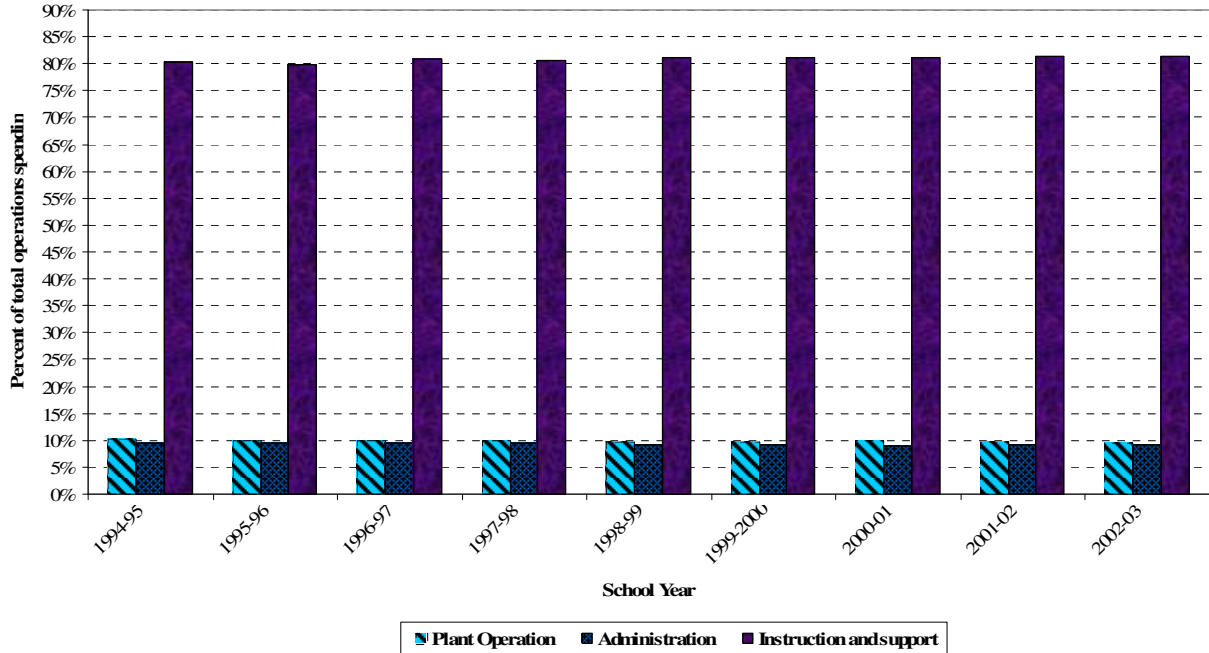
**Support:** Activities associated with assisting students and staff. These include counseling services, psychological services, speech therapy services, media services, and staff development. It also includes business services for the district.

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).

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### Instructional Expenditures, Classroom and Support Combined, % of Total



The percentage of dollars directly supporting students and instruction has remained at approximately 80% for the last nine years.

**Instruction and Support:** Activities associated with classroom instruction and support. It includes special education costs, paraprofessionals in the classroom and co-curricular activities. It also includes activities associated with assisting students and staff, such as counseling services, psychological services, speech therapy services, media services, and staff development. It also includes business services for the district.

**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.

The percentage of dollars spent directly supporting students and instruction has remained at approximately 80% of total spending for the past nine years (when instruction and support are combined, as in the definition above).

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