

# Education Next — Program on Education Policy and Governance — Survey 2022

For details on the methodology behind these survey responses, please see “Partisan Rifts Widen, Perceptions of School Quality Decline,” by David M. Houston, Paul E. Peterson, and Martin R. West at <http://educationnext.org/>.  
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For questions with both “a” and “b” versions, a random half of the respondents were assigned version “a” and the other half were assigned version “b”.

For questions with “a”, “b”, and “c” versions, a random third of the respondents were assigned version “a”, “b”, or “c”.

“Parents” are defined as respondents who identify as a parent, step-parent, or foster parent of a child living in the household who is in a grade from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Due to rounding, column totals may not always sum to 100.

|             | All  | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|-------------|------|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Sample size | 1784 | 365     | 220      | 182                 | 1257                | 793               | 991                | 703              | 1081                 | 789         | 937       |

## Evaluating schools

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, and D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in your community?

|      | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| A    | 13  | 17      | 18       | 11                  | 11                  | 10                | 16                 | 17               | 12                   | 11          | 14        |
| B    | 39  | 42      | 38       | 32                  | 40                  | 35                | 42                 | 42               | 37                   | 35          | 41        |
| C    | 33  | 25      | 28       | 43                  | 33                  | 38                | 29                 | 30               | 34                   | 34          | 32        |
| D    | 9   | 8       | 10       | 7                   | 9                   | 10                | 8                  | 6                | 10                   | 9           | 8         |
| Fail | 7   | 8       | 6        | 8                   | 7                   | 8                 | 5                  | 5                | 8                    | 10          | 4         |

2. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give them?

|      | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| A    | 2   | 2       | 5        | 4                   | 1                   | 4                 | 1                  | 1                | 3                    | 1           | 3         |
| B    | 20  | 23      | 33       | 20                  | 16                  | 21                | 19                 | 19               | 21                   | 16          | 22        |
| C    | 51  | 53      | 42       | 50                  | 54                  | 46                | 54                 | 54               | 49                   | 45          | 55        |
| D    | 18  | 14      | 14       | 14                  | 20                  | 19                | 18                 | 18               | 18                   | 22          | 16        |
| Fail | 9   | 8       | 6        | 11                  | 10                  | 10                | 8                  | 9                | 9                    | 15          | 5         |

## Should school spending increase or decrease?

3a. According to the most recent information available, \$[INSERT PPS] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

|                     | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Greatly increase    | 13  | 20      | 23       | 19                  | 10                  | 14                | 12                 | 12               | 14                   | 8           | 17        |
| Increase            | 35  | 37      | 29       | 40                  | 35                  | 31                | 38                 | 42               | 31                   | 24          | 45        |
| Stay about the same | 39  | 33      | 31       | 34                  | 42                  | 41                | 38                 | 35               | 42                   | 47          | 32        |
| Decrease            | 10  | 7       | 14       | 7                   | 10                  | 12                | 9                  | 8                | 11                   | 17          | 5         |
| Greatly decrease    | 3   | 3       | 3        | 1                   | 3                   | 2                 | 3                  | 3                | 3                    | 5           | 1         |

3b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

|                     | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Greatly increase    | 19  | 19      | 23       | 40                  | 14                  | 22                | 16                 | 18               | 19                   | 10          | 25        |
| Increase            | 40  | 41      | 43       | 30                  | 41                  | 41                | 39                 | 39               | 41                   | 32          | 46        |
| Stay about the same | 33  | 31      | 30       | 23                  | 35                  | 29                | 37                 | 36               | 32                   | 42          | 26        |
| Decrease            | 7   | 7       | 4        | 7                   | 7                   | 7                 | 6                  | 5                | 7                    | 12          | 2         |
| Greatly decrease    | 1   | 1       | 0        | 0                   | 2                   | 1                 | 2                  | 2                | 1                    | 3           | 0         |

## Testing and accountability

4. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3–8 and once in high school?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 40  | 35      | 45       | 40                  | 39                  | 40                | 41                 | 40               | 41                   | 41          | 41        |
| Somewhat support | 32  | 33      | 26       | 30                  | 34                  | 30                | 33                 | 35               | 30                   | 30          | 33        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 9   | 11      | 10       | 9                   | 10                  | 10                | 9                  | 9                | 9                    | 10          | 9         |
| Strongly oppose  | 6   | 10      | 6        | 3                   | 6                   | 5                 | 6                  | 6                | 5                    | 7           | 5         |
| Neither          | 13  | 12      | 13       | 18                  | 12                  | 15                | 11                 | 9                | 15                   | 12          | 12        |

## Federalism

5a. Based on your best guess, what percent of funding for public schools in your local school district currently comes from each level of government?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 29  | 30      | 35       | 35                  | 27                  | 32                | 27                 | 26               | 31                   | 27          | 31        |
| State   | 36  | 37      | 33       | 33                  | 37                  | 35                | 37                 | 37               | 36                   | 36          | 36        |
| Local   | 35  | 32      | 32       | 32                  | 36                  | 33                | 36                 | 37               | 33                   | 37          | 33        |

5b. What percent of funding for public schools in your local school district should come from each level of government?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 34  | 35      | 36       | 36                  | 33                  | 36                | 32                 | 32               | 35                   | 30          | 37        |
| State   | 36  | 34      | 34       | 35                  | 36                  | 35                | 36                 | 38               | 34                   | 36          | 35        |
| Local   | 30  | 31      | 30       | 29                  | 31                  | 28                | 32                 | 31               | 30                   | 33          | 28        |

6a. Based on your best guess, what level of government currently plays the biggest role in setting educational standards for what students should know?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 28  | 30      | 23       | 25                  | 31                  | 27                | 29                 | 27               | 29                   | 27          | 28        |
| State   | 59  | 59      | 59       | 64                  | 57                  | 58                | 59                 | 62               | 56                   | 58          | 61        |
| Local   | 13  | 11      | 19       | 12                  | 12                  | 14                | 12                 | 10               | 15                   | 15          | 11        |

6b. What level of government should play the biggest role in setting educational standards for what students should know?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 45  | 45      | 48       | 47                  | 43                  | 41                | 48                 | 53               | 40                   | 27          | 58        |
| State   | 38  | 34      | 35       | 31                  | 39                  | 38                | 37                 | 36               | 39                   | 46          | 31        |
| Local   | 18  | 21      | 18       | 22                  | 18                  | 21                | 15                 | 12               | 21                   | 27          | 11        |

7a. Based on your best guess, what level of government currently plays the biggest role in deciding whether or not a school is failing?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 15  | 17      | 17       | 16                  | 14                  | 15                | 16                 | 13               | 17                   | 12          | 17        |
| State   | 65  | 65      | 57       | 61                  | 69                  | 62                | 68                 | 70               | 63                   | 68          | 65        |
| Local   | 19  | 19      | 25       | 24                  | 17                  | 22                | 16                 | 18               | 20                   | 20          | 18        |

7b. What level of government should play the biggest role in deciding whether or not a school is failing?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 16  | 18      | 17       | 21                  | 13                  | 19                | 13                 | 14               | 17                   | 9           | 21        |
| State   | 57  | 48      | 53       | 48                  | 60                  | 50                | 62                 | 60               | 55                   | 58          | 56        |
| Local   | 28  | 34      | 30       | 32                  | 26                  | 31                | 24                 | 26               | 28                   | 33          | 23        |

8a. Based on your best guess, what level of government currently plays the biggest role in deciding how to fix failing schools?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 15  | 15      | 14       | 15                  | 15                  | 17                | 13                 | 11               | 16                   | 13          | 15        |
| State   | 56  | 53      | 53       | 53                  | 60                  | 53                | 59                 | 57               | 56                   | 57          | 57        |
| Local   | 29  | 32      | 33       | 32                  | 26                  | 30                | 28                 | 31               | 28                   | 30          | 28        |

8b. What level of government should play the biggest role in deciding how to fix failing schools?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 18  | 17      | 24       | 26                  | 15                  | 22                | 15                 | 16               | 20                   | 10          | 25        |
| State   | 48  | 46      | 42       | 41                  | 52                  | 48                | 49                 | 50               | 47                   | 51          | 46        |
| Local   | 33  | 36      | 34       | 33                  | 33                  | 31                | 36                 | 34               | 33                   | 39          | 29        |

9. What level of government should be responsible for making most decisions about K-12 education?

|         | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | 23  | 20      | 30       | 21                  | 21                  | 21                | 24                 | 26               | 21                   | 11          | 33        |
| State   | 49  | 51      | 46       | 47                  | 50                  | 49                | 50                 | 47               | 51                   | 52          | 47        |
| Local   | 28  | 29      | 24       | 31                  | 29                  | 30                | 26                 | 27               | 29                   | 38          | 21        |

10. Who in your local community should have the most influence over K-12 education?

|                       | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|-----------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Mayors                | 1   | 1       | 4        | 4                   | 0                   | 2                 | 1                  | 1                | 2                    | 1           | 2         |
| School board          | 26  | 20      | 27       | 32                  | 23                  | 25                | 26                 | 26               | 25                   | 22          | 29        |
| Teachers              | 29  | 31      | 29       | 24                  | 32                  | 28                | 31                 | 36               | 26                   | 20          | 37        |
| School administrators | 17  | 19      | 19       | 21                  | 15                  | 19                | 15                 | 17               | 18                   | 12          | 20        |
| Parents               | 26  | 29      | 21       | 19                  | 30                  | 26                | 26                 | 21               | 29                   | 45          | 12        |

School choice

11. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

|                            | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support           | 16  | 18      | 20       | 13                  | 16                  | 19                | 14                 | 16               | 16                   | 24          | 10        |
| Somewhat support           | 29  | 33      | 26       | 41                  | 29                  | 29                | 30                 | 26               | 31                   | 31          | 28        |
| Somewhat oppose            | 21  | 20      | 20       | 18                  | 22                  | 19                | 23                 | 26               | 19                   | 17          | 25        |
| Strongly oppose            | 15  | 9       | 11       | 11                  | 17                  | 11                | 17                 | 20               | 12                   | 8           | 20        |
| Neither support nor oppose | 19  | 20      | 23       | 16                  | 17                  | 22                | 16                 | 13               | 22                   | 20          | 17        |

12. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you support or oppose such a proposal?

|                            | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support           | 24  | 26      | 31       | 36                  | 21                  | 28                | 21                 | 22               | 25                   | 22          | 26        |
| Somewhat support           | 37  | 40      | 39       | 36                  | 36                  | 37                | 37                 | 38               | 36                   | 37          | 38        |
| Somewhat oppose            | 14  | 11      | 11       | 8                   | 16                  | 12                | 15                 | 14               | 14                   | 13          | 14        |
| Strongly oppose            | 11  | 10      | 7        | 6                   | 13                  | 8                 | 14                 | 14               | 9                    | 13          | 10        |
| Neither support nor oppose | 14  | 12      | 11       | 14                  | 14                  | 15                | 13                 | 11               | 15                   | 15          | 12        |

13a. A proposal has been made that would give *all* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

|                            | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support           | 24  | 25      | 34       | 35                  | 20                  | 32                | 17                 | 19               | 27                   | 24          | 23        |
| Somewhat support           | 26  | 32      | 24       | 37                  | 24                  | 24                | 28                 | 25               | 26                   | 25          | 27        |
| Somewhat oppose            | 16  | 18      | 17       | 10                  | 16                  | 16                | 16                 | 18               | 15                   | 16          | 15        |
| Strongly oppose            | 24  | 16      | 14       | 11                  | 30                  | 17                | 30                 | 31               | 20                   | 25          | 24        |
| Neither support nor oppose | 10  | 9       | 11       | 6                   | 10                  | 12                | 9                  | 7                | 12                   | 10          | 10        |

13b. A proposal has been made that would give *low-income* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

|                            | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support           | 21  | 25      | 38       | 34                  | 16                  | 27                | 16                 | 13               | 26                   | 18          | 25        |
| Somewhat support           | 27  | 22      | 23       | 33                  | 27                  | 29                | 25                 | 25               | 28                   | 27          | 26        |
| Somewhat oppose            | 17  | 15      | 15       | 11                  | 20                  | 15                | 20                 | 24               | 14                   | 17          | 18        |
| Strongly oppose            | 23  | 26      | 11       | 13                  | 26                  | 13                | 32                 | 31               | 19                   | 27          | 21        |
| Neither support nor oppose | 11  | 11      | 14       | 9                   | 11                  | 16                | 7                  | 8                | 13                   | 11          | 10        |

14. If parents do not send their children to public school, some state governments provide those parents with money they can spend only for educational expenses, such as private school tuition, tutoring and transportation. Do you support or oppose this policy?

|                            | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support           | 17  | 22      | 22       | 22                  | 16                  | 21                | 14                 | 12               | 20                   | 19          | 16        |
| Somewhat support           | 29  | 28      | 33       | 35                  | 28                  | 33                | 26                 | 27               | 31                   | 32          | 29        |
| Somewhat oppose            | 20  | 19      | 15       | 17                  | 22                  | 17                | 23                 | 24               | 18                   | 20          | 21        |
| Strongly oppose            | 20  | 19      | 15       | 13                  | 23                  | 13                | 26                 | 27               | 16                   | 17          | 22        |
| Neither support nor oppose | 13  | 12      | 14       | 13                  | 12                  | 15                | 11                 | 10               | 15                   | 13          | 12        |

15. Do you support or oppose allowing parents to educate their children at home instead of sending them to school in ordinary circumstances when schools are open?

|                            | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support           | 24  | 26      | 18       | 23                  | 27                  | 27                | 21                 | 21               | 25                   | 37          | 14        |
| Somewhat support           | 30  | 31      | 27       | 30                  | 33                  | 30                | 31                 | 29               | 31                   | 31          | 30        |
| Somewhat oppose            | 19  | 15      | 24       | 21                  | 16                  | 18                | 19                 | 21               | 18                   | 11          | 26        |
| Strongly oppose            | 10  | 11      | 16       | 8                   | 10                  | 9                 | 12                 | 11               | 10                   | 6           | 14        |
| Neither support nor oppose | 16  | 17      | 16       | 18                  | 14                  | 15                | 17                 | 18               | 16                   | 15          | 17        |

16. Do you support or oppose school choice?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 20  | 21      | 17       | 17                  | 22                  | 21                | 19                 | 18               | 21                   | 33          | 10        |
| Somewhat support | 29  | 31      | 36       | 32                  | 27                  | 30                | 29                 | 29               | 29                   | 27          | 31        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 18  | 17      | 15       | 14                  | 19                  | 15                | 21                 | 23               | 16                   | 14          | 22        |
| Strongly oppose  | 11  | 10      | 8        | 10                  | 12                  | 8                 | 14                 | 18               | 8                    | 7           | 15        |
| Neither          | 22  | 20      | 24       | 28                  | 19                  | 27                | 17                 | 12               | 27                   | 19          | 23        |

Personnel policies

17a. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

|                     | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Greatly increase    | 31  | 37      | 37       | 45                  | 27                  | 31                | 30                 | 35               | 28                   | 16          | 43        |
| Increase            | 42  | 37      | 40       | 46                  | 42                  | 43                | 41                 | 42               | 42                   | 39          | 43        |
| Stay about the same | 24  | 21      | 20       | 7                   | 27                  | 24                | 24                 | 20               | 27                   | 37          | 13        |
| Decrease            | 3   | 3       | 3        | 1                   | 3                   | 2                 | 4                  | 2                | 4                    | 6           | 1         |
| Greatly decrease    | 1   | 1       | 0        | 1                   | 1                   | 0                 | 1                  | 1                | 0                    | 1           | 0         |

17b. Public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$[INSERT PAY]. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

|                     | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|---------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Greatly increase    | 20  | 20      | 23       | 36                  | 17                  | 23                | 16                 | 19               | 20                   | 12          | 26        |
| Increase            | 40  | 44      | 44       | 34                  | 41                  | 36                | 44                 | 44               | 39                   | 34          | 45        |
| Stay about the same | 36  | 34      | 28       | 29                  | 38                  | 36                | 36                 | 34               | 37                   | 46          | 28        |
| Decrease            | 3   | 1       | 4        | 0                   | 3                   | 2                 | 4                  | 2                | 3                    | 6           | 1         |
| Greatly decrease    | 1   | 1       | 1        | 1                   | 1                   | 2                 | 0                  | 1                | 1                    | 2           | 0         |

18. [RANDOMIZE ORDER: Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform./Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers.] What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

|                                      | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly positive effect             | 14  | 11      | 19       | 23                  | 12                  | 15                | 13                 | 15               | 13                   | 4           | 22        |
| Somewhat positive effect             | 29  | 31      | 33       | 34                  | 27                  | 29                | 29                 | 33               | 27                   | 18          | 38        |
| Somewhat negative effect             | 17  | 15      | 11       | 11                  | 19                  | 15                | 18                 | 16               | 17                   | 23          | 13        |
| Strongly negative effect             | 16  | 17      | 11       | 4                   | 19                  | 11                | 19                 | 17               | 15                   | 31          | 4         |
| Neither positive nor negative effect | 25  | 26      | 26       | 28                  | 23                  | 30                | 20                 | 18               | 28                   | 24          | 23        |

19. Do you support or oppose public school teachers having the right to strike?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 29  | 29      | 35       | 43                  | 26                  | 31                | 28                 | 34               | 27                   | 14          | 41        |
| Somewhat support | 27  | 28      | 24       | 27                  | 28                  | 26                | 28                 | 28               | 27                   | 22          | 31        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 14  | 15      | 12       | 10                  | 16                  | 14                | 14                 | 15               | 14                   | 20          | 10        |
| Strongly oppose  | 14  | 14      | 13       | 5                   | 16                  | 13                | 16                 | 13               | 15                   | 26          | 6         |
| Neither          | 15  | 15      | 16       | 14                  | 14                  | 17                | 14                 | 11               | 18                   | 18          | 12        |



## Masking in schools

20. Do you support or oppose requiring students in your local schools to wear face masks while in school?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 24  | 21      | 31       | 45                  | 17                  | 27                | 21                 | 25               | 23                   | 7           | 37        |
| Somewhat support | 21  | 18      | 23       | 21                  | 20                  | 20                | 22                 | 25               | 19                   | 11          | 29        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12  | 17      | 14       | 14                  | 12                  | 14                | 11                 | 12               | 13                   | 14          | 11        |
| Strongly oppose  | 23  | 24      | 14       | 2                   | 30                  | 19                | 26                 | 23               | 23                   | 49          | 4         |
| Neither          | 20  | 19      | 19       | 18                  | 21                  | 20                | 19                 | 16               | 22                   | 19          | 20        |

## Emphasis on slavery and racism

21. Some people think their local public schools place too little emphasis on slavery, racism, and other challenges faced by Black people in the United States. Other people think their local public schools place too much emphasis on these topics. What is your view about your local public schools?

|                        | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Far too little         | 14  | 12      | 12       | 35                  | 12                  | 16                | 13                 | 16               | 13                   | 3           | 24        |
| Too little             | 20  | 18      | 20       | 30                  | 19                  | 18                | 22                 | 27               | 17                   | 7           | 31        |
| About the right amount | 39  | 46      | 46       | 26                  | 38                  | 40                | 37                 | 34               | 41                   | 39          | 37        |
| Too much               | 17  | 14      | 14       | 7                   | 21                  | 17                | 18                 | 16               | 18                   | 32          | 6         |
| Far too much           | 9   | 9       | 8        | 2                   | 11                  | 9                 | 9                  | 7                | 10                   | 19          | 2         |

## Racial discipline disparities

22. Do you support or oppose federal policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending Black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 13  | 12      | 15       | 29                  | 10                  | 14                | 13                 | 14               | 12                   | 4           | 20        |
| Somewhat support | 14  | 13      | 17       | 18                  | 13                  | 15                | 14                 | 18               | 12                   | 7           | 20        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 18  | 19      | 17       | 17                  | 18                  | 18                | 18                 | 19               | 18                   | 19          | 17        |
| Strongly oppose  | 27  | 27      | 28       | 15                  | 31                  | 26                | 28                 | 22               | 30                   | 44          | 16        |
| Neither          | 28  | 30      | 23       | 21                  | 28                  | 28                | 27                 | 27               | 28                   | 27          | 27        |

## Specialized high schools

23. Do you support or oppose having specialized public high schools just for high-performing students?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 20  | 20      | 22       | 20                  | 19                  | 19                | 21                 | 22               | 18                   | 21          | 19        |
| Somewhat support | 36  | 38      | 30       | 30                  | 39                  | 31                | 39                 | 43               | 31                   | 37          | 36        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 17  | 15      | 16       | 20                  | 17                  | 17                | 17                 | 15               | 18                   | 16          | 18        |
| Strongly oppose  | 10  | 9       | 11       | 14                  | 9                   | 11                | 9                  | 7                | 12                   | 9           | 11        |
| Neither          | 17  | 18      | 21       | 16                  | 16                  | 22                | 14                 | 12               | 20                   | 16          | 17        |

24. In places with specialized public high schools just for high-performing students, should a test be a factor in admissions decisions?

|                            | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Yes, one factor among many | 62  | 62      | 51       | 56                  | 66                  | 57                | 66                 | 69               | 58                   | 61          | 64        |
| Yes, only factor           | 17  | 15      | 21       | 8                   | 16                  | 17                | 17                 | 14               | 18                   | 22          | 13        |
| No, not a factor           | 7   | 10      | 12       | 12                  | 4                   | 8                 | 6                  | 8                | 6                    | 5           | 8         |
| Don't know                 | 15  | 13      | 16       | 25                  | 13                  | 19                | 11                 | 10               | 17                   | 12          | 15        |

## Online instruction

25. Typically, high school students are required to complete 24 courses in order to graduate. How many of these courses should a high school student be allowed to take for credit online?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Average response | 10  | 10      | 10       | 11                  | 9                   | 11                | 8                  | 8                | 11                   | 9           | 10        |

26. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the Internet?

|                               | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Very willing                  | 25  | 26      | 21       | 30                  | 26                  | 28                | 22                 | 21               | 27                   | 23          | 26        |
| Somewhat willing              | 40  | 39      | 39       | 34                  | 41                  | 39                | 41                 | 43               | 39                   | 41          | 41        |
| Somewhat unwilling            | 15  | 18      | 18       | 17                  | 14                  | 13                | 17                 | 18               | 14                   | 14          | 16        |
| Very unwilling                | 9   | 9       | 10       | 4                   | 9                   | 6                 | 11                 | 10               | 8                    | 11          | 7         |
| Neither willing nor unwilling | 11  | 8       | 13       | 14                  | 10                  | 14                | 9                  | 8                | 12                   | 11          | 10        |

Should pre-K be free?

27a. Would you support or oppose the government paying for *all* 4-year-old children to attend a preschool program?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 44  | 52      | 54       | 59                  | 38                  | 44                | 43                 | 45               | 43                   | 23          | 58        |
| Somewhat support | 27  | 21      | 20       | 26                  | 28                  | 25                | 29                 | 28               | 27                   | 29          | 26        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 9   | 6       | 11       | 3                   | 10                  | 8                 | 10                 | 11               | 8                    | 15          | 5         |
| Strongly oppose  | 10  | 11      | 4        | 3                   | 14                  | 10                | 10                 | 10               | 10                   | 20          | 3         |
| Neither          | 10  | 10      | 11       | 9                   | 10                  | 13                | 8                  | 6                | 13                   | 13          | 8         |

27b. Would you support or oppose the government paying for *low-income* 4-year-old children to attend a preschool program?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 42  | 41      | 48       | 62                  | 38                  | 44                | 41                 | 50               | 38                   | 20          | 62        |
| Somewhat support | 29  | 35      | 34       | 21                  | 31                  | 30                | 29                 | 29               | 30                   | 32          | 27        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 11  | 10      | 7        | 9                   | 13                  | 8                 | 13                 | 8                | 12                   | 18          | 4         |
| Strongly oppose  | 7   | 5       | 5        | 1                   | 8                   | 7                 | 8                  | 7                | 7                    | 15          | 1         |
| Neither          | 10  | 9       | 6        | 6                   | 11                  | 12                | 9                  | 5                | 13                   | 15          | 6         |

## Should higher education be free?

28a. Do you support or oppose making all public two-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 44  | 53      | 54       | 69                  | 37                  | 47                | 41                 | 40               | 45                   | 22          | 61        |
| Somewhat support | 22  | 22      | 20       | 15                  | 23                  | 21                | 24                 | 30               | 18                   | 22          | 23        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12  | 13      | 14       | 10                  | 14                  | 12                | 13                 | 12               | 12                   | 18          | 8         |
| Strongly oppose  | 15  | 8       | 7        | 0                   | 21                  | 12                | 17                 | 13               | 16                   | 31          | 3         |
| Neither          | 7   | 4       | 5        | 6                   | 6                   | 8                 | 5                  | 4                | 8                    | 7           | 5         |

28b. Do you support or oppose making all public four-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

|                  | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 36  | 38      | 65       | 46                  | 26                  | 44                | 29                 | 25               | 41                   | 16          | 50        |
| Somewhat support | 25  | 32      | 18       | 28                  | 26                  | 23                | 27                 | 31               | 22                   | 20          | 30        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 11  | 8       | 4        | 7                   | 13                  | 8                 | 13                 | 13               | 10                   | 14          | 8         |
| Strongly oppose  | 21  | 15      | 5        | 7                   | 29                  | 15                | 27                 | 27               | 19                   | 43          | 5         |
| Neither          | 7   | 7       | 8        | 11                  | 6                   | 10                | 4                  | 4                | 9                    | 7           | 6         |

## Social and emotional learning

29. How much should schools focus on student academic performance versus student social and emotional wellbeing? Please give a percentage for each. Your answers should add to 100%.

|                                | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Academic performance           | 65  | 63      | 59       | 56                  | 68                  | 61                | 68                 | 68               | 63                   | 70          | 61        |
| Social and emotional wellbeing | 35  | 37      | 41       | 44                  | 32                  | 39                | 32                 | 32               | 37                   | 30          | 39        |

School boards

30. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

|                            | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Voted                      | 31  | 32      | 21       | 24                  | 36                  | 25                | 36                 | 41               | 25                   | 33          | 29        |
| Did not vote               | 38  | 41      | 41       | 41                  | 36                  | 44                | 33                 | 30               | 42                   | 36          | 39        |
| Ineligible                 | 5   | 5       | 9        | 6                   | 4                   | 5                 | 6                  | 4                | 6                    | 5           | 6         |
| Don't know, can't remember | 26  | 22      | 28       | 29                  | 24                  | 26                | 26                 | 25               | 26                   | 25          | 26        |

31. Have you attended a local public school board meeting this year?

|     | All | Parents | Hispanic | Black, Non-Hispanic | White, Non-Hispanic | Income < \$75,000 | Income >= \$75,000 | College Graduate | Not College Graduate | Republicans | Democrats |
|-----|-----|---------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Yes | 5   | 10      | 5        | 6                   | 5                   | 5                 | 5                  | 6                | 4                    | 4           | 5         |
| No  | 95  | 90      | 95       | 94                  | 95                  | 95                | 95                 | 94               | 96                   | 96          | 95        |