

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

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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