

Education Next — Program on Education Policy and Governance — Survey 2020

For details on the methodology behind these survey responses, please see “Amid Pandemic, Support Soars for Online Learning, Parent Poll Shows: Results from the 2020 *Education Next* Survey of Public Opinion,” by Michael Henderson, David Houston, Paul E. Peterson, 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 both “a”, “b”, “c” and “d” versions, a random fourth of the respondents were assigned version “a”, “b”, “c” or “d”.

“Parents” are defined as respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 6 and 17.

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

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Sample size	4,291	1,677	523	244	278	913	811	2,360	1,048	1,046	1,044	1,316	1,636	2,482

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?

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A	17	24	29	37	22	19	10	18	18	15	16	22	16	18
B	41	40	40	35	45	41	35	42	43	35	41	45	42	41
C	29	24	23	22	24	28	38	27	29	31	28	25	28	29
D	9	7	6	5	7	8	11	9	7	13	10	7	10	8
Fail	4	4	2	1	2	3	6	4	3	6	4	2	4	4

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

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A	3	6	5	6	3	7	4	2	5	2	3	2	3	4
B	27	32	36	39	33	32	29	25	30	21	23	28	26	27
C	50	45	46	42	49	44	44	52	51	46	52	53	47	52
D	15	12	12	12	13	12	16	16	10	23	17	13	18	13
Fail	5	5	2	1	2	5	6	5	3	8	5	4	6	4

3. What percent of teachers in your local schools would you put in each category?

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Excellent	28	35	37	39	34	30	27	28	31	26	28	29	25	30
Good	33	31	34	34	34	31	31	35	32	32	34	36	34	33
Satisfactory	25	22	20	19	22	24	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24
Unsatisfactory	14	12	9	8	10	14	17	13	13	17	14	12	15	13

School Spending

4. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your local school district?

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Average response	\$8,140	\$7,226	\$7,388	\$7,998	\$6,776	\$8,359	\$7,354	\$8,108	\$8,117	\$8,314	\$7,297	\$9,467	\$8,437	\$7,999
Average actual	\$14,504	\$14,085	\$14,679	\$16,053	\$13,301	\$14,472	\$15,256	\$14,257	\$14,909	\$14,253	\$13,885	\$14,883	\$13,721	\$15,137
Difference	-\$6,364	-\$6,859	-\$7,291	-\$8,055	-\$6,525	-\$6,113	-\$7,902	-\$6,150	-\$6,792	-\$5,939	-\$6,588	-\$5,415	-\$5,284	-\$7,138

5a. According to the most recent information available, \$[district expenditure] 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?

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Greatly increase	10	9	21	25	17	15	20	7	8	15	6	8	4	14
Increase	35	39	38	40	36	40	42	33	34	33	32	33	26	42
Stay about the same	46	46	36	31	41	36	33	50	49	39	50	49	55	38
Decrease	8	5	4	3	6	7	2	9	6	10	10	8	11	5
Greatly decrease	2	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	4	3	2	2	3	1

5b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

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Greatly increase	18	20	28	36	21	24	31	13	17	21	11	17	7	25
Increase	41	40	45	48	43	46	40	40	38	35	40	39	31	49
Stay about the same	34	33	23	16	29	24	24	40	40	33	41	37	48	23
Decrease	6	5	2	1	2	3	4	6	4	9	7	5	10	3
Greatly decrease	1	2	2	0	4	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	0

Accountability and the Common Core State Standards

6a. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

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Strongly support	13	12	10	14	8	18	22	9	10	20	10	8	12	14
Somewhat support	30	28	27	26	27	33	31	28	32	21	27	30	25	35
Somewhat oppose	17	20	24	24	24	16	15	18	17	15	15	22	18	15
Strongly oppose	21	20	29	24	33	11	7	27	15	32	30	23	32	13
Neither support nor oppose	19	20	10	13	8	21	24	18	26	11	18	17	14	23

6b. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of these standards in your state?

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Strongly support	16	14	10	12	8	19	21	15	11	26	13	17	17	16
Somewhat support	37	37	34	35	33	41	35	37	35	35	37	36	38	36
Somewhat oppose	21	21	29	29	28	19	17	22	26	17	21	24	20	22
Strongly oppose	9	11	23	21	25	7	9	11	8	9	10	13	11	8
Neither support nor oppose	16	17	4	2	6	15	18	16	20	13	19	10	14	17

6c. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. President Donald Trump has expressed opposition to the Common Core. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

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Strongly support	12	9	13	13	14	16	18	10	10	16	9	10	6	16
Somewhat support	24	23	27	30	23	27	24	22	25	20	21	25	16	31
Somewhat oppose	18	19	26	23	29	12	15	21	20	14	18	26	21	17
Strongly oppose	23	30	23	22	24	15	12	28	15	30	29	27	36	13
Neither support nor oppose	23	20	11	11	10	30	31	19	31	21	23	12	21	23

School choice

7a. 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?

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Strongly support	14	16	12	4	20	19	14	13	11	21	12	15	18	11
Somewhat support	30	34	22	12	32	26	34	30	22	33	31	30	36	26
Somewhat oppose	22	20	22	24	21	20	18	22	24	18	21	23	18	25
Strongly oppose	15	11	38	56	21	13	9	17	13	16	14	22	12	18
Neither support nor oppose	19	19	6	4	7	22	25	18	29	13	22	9	16	20

7b. 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. President Donald Trump has expressed support for charter schools. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	16	15	6	2	10	15	13	17	8	26	17	17	26	8
Somewhat support	30	29	24	10	38	28	28	30	29	29	31	28	39	22
Somewhat oppose	19	19	25	30	20	23	17	17	21	16	15	21	11	26
Strongly oppose	18	15	39	52	25	14	18	19	18	17	15	24	8	26
Neither support nor oppose	18	21	7	6	7	20	24	18	23	12	22	10	16	18

8a. 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 favor or oppose such a proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	20	23	12	2	21	29	33	15	14	24	13	18	20	20
Somewhat support	38	38	29	25	33	40	35	37	32	39	37	36	39	36
Somewhat oppose	15	13	17	17	18	11	9	16	18	14	15	18	14	15
Strongly oppose	12	9	30	47	14	7	5	15	14	14	13	19	13	12
Neither support nor oppose	16	17	12	9	14	12	18	17	22	9	21	9	14	17

8b. 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. President Donald Trump has expressed support for this idea. Would you support or oppose such a proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	18	21	16	7	25	29	20	15	14	26	15	15	25	14
Somewhat support	37	36	30	28	33	31	36	39	30	39	42	34	43	32
Somewhat oppose	14	13	19	18	21	13	10	15	16	9	13	19	12	16
Strongly oppose	14	13	27	39	15	11	12	16	16	15	12	22	9	20
Neither support nor oppose	16	17	8	10	6	16	22	15	24	11	17	10	12	18

9a. 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	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	20	11	2	22	28	30	15	14	26	15	15	23	17
Somewhat support	32	35	20	14	28	33	29	31	28	32	34	26	33	30
Somewhat oppose	15	15	15	18	12	14	14	16	18	14	15	19	17	15
Strongly oppose	20	14	50	63	34	9	10	25	21	18	20	33	17	23
Neither support nor oppose	14	15	4	3	4	15	17	13	19	9	16	8	11	15

9b. 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	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	16	20	10	5	13	24	32	12	11	22	12	12	12	18
Somewhat support	32	30	22	7	34	35	33	31	29	30	32	30	33	33
Somewhat oppose	17	16	20	20	20	12	11	17	19	13	17	19	17	17
Strongly oppose	21	21	42	59	28	13	6	26	20	24	23	31	26	17
Neither support nor oppose	14	14	7	9	5	16	18	14	20	10	16	9	13	14

10. 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	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	20	23	18	10	25	16	21	22	15	29	23	20	28	14
Somewhat support	29	28	28	26	30	26	31	29	27	29	29	29	29	29
Somewhat oppose	22	20	27	32	22	22	18	22	25	18	20	26	20	25
Strongly oppose	13	12	16	21	12	19	9	11	12	14	10	13	10	15
Neither support nor oppose	16	16	11	11	11	17	20	16	21	10	18	12	13	18

11a. Do you support or oppose requiring parents to receive approval from their local school district if they want to homeschool their children in ordinary circumstances when schools are open?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	22	18	35	40	31	22	23	21	20	23	18	27	16	26
Somewhat support	32	29	31	34	27	32	29	31	32	29	29	33	30	34
Somewhat oppose	14	17	12	12	12	17	16	13	15	16	12	15	15	13
Strongly oppose	14	16	14	7	20	12	10	16	10	20	18	14	23	8
Neither support nor oppose	18	20	8	7	9	17	22	18	23	13	23	11	15	18

11b. Do you support or oppose requiring parents to notify their local school district if they want to homeschool their children in ordinary circumstances when schools are open?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	38	34	55	55	54	35	41	40	36	43	35	47	35	41
Somewhat support	32	32	28	26	29	32	32	32	29	31	32	32	34	31
Somewhat oppose	9	12	8	10	7	7	8	8	10	8	9	6	9	9
Strongly oppose	6	8	4	6	3	8	4	5	3	7	6	5	7	4
Neither support nor oppose	16	14	5	3	7	17	14	15	22	12	17	10	15	15

Personnel Policies

12. Based on your best guess, what is the average yearly salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	\$42,816	\$42,401	\$49,292	\$52,739	\$45,809	\$39,829	\$34,865	\$44,769	\$41,158	\$43,969	\$42,224	\$49,112	\$44,911	\$41,464
Average actual	\$61,019	\$60,702	\$62,086	\$65,935	\$58,197	\$64,334	\$59,279	\$59,864	\$61,337	\$60,560	\$59,361	\$60,722	\$59,382	\$62,309
Difference	-\$18,202	-\$18,302	-\$12,794	-\$13,197	-\$12,388	-\$24,506	-\$24,414	-\$15,095	-\$20,179	-\$16,591	-\$17,137	-\$11,610	-\$14,472	-\$20,845

13a. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

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Greatly increase	24	25	37	40	34	26	39	21	19	29	18	25	12	33
Increase	42	43	48	49	48	50	45	38	43	37	38	39	38	45
Stay about the same	30	29	15	11	18	22	15	35	34	27	37	32	42	20
Decrease	4	3	0	0	0	2	1	5	4	5	6	3	6	2
Greatly decrease	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	0

13b. Public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$[average state salary]. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

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Greatly increase	14	16	42	47	38	16	26	11	15	18	10	14	6	20
Increase	41	38	39	39	39	46	41	40	40	34	38	44	33	46
Stay about the same	39	41	17	12	22	32	30	42	39	37	44	37	48	31
Decrease	5	4	1	1	2	4	2	5	3	8	6	4	9	2
Greatly decrease	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	3	2	1	3	1

14a. Do you support or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on how much their students learn?

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Strongly support	12	11	3	2	3	15	13	10	7	19	13	7	14	10
Somewhat support	35	31	12	8	15	38	30	35	29	39	36	34	41	31
Somewhat oppose	20	23	27	13	41	20	17	22	25	17	20	24	19	22
Strongly oppose	17	16	53	73	34	15	13	18	14	18	14	25	14	19
Neither support nor oppose	16	19	5	5	6	11	27	14	24	7	17	10	12	18

14b. President Donald Trump has expressed support for the policy of basing teachers' salaries on how much their students learn. Do you support or oppose this policy?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	12	12	2	2	2	13	6	12	9	23	13	12	19	5
Somewhat support	28	27	4	2	5	27	19	29	20	30	34	19	40	18
Somewhat oppose	21	21	22	12	33	19	23	21	27	13	17	27	17	23
Strongly oppose	27	25	60	75	45	26	32	27	27	23	24	33	11	41
Neither support nor oppose	13	15	11	9	14	15	19	11	16	11	13	9	13	13

14c. Former President Barack Obama has expressed support for the policy of basing teachers' salaries on how much their students learn. Do you support or oppose this policy

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Strongly support	12	11	5	0	9	19	25	7	8	21	9	4	7	17
Somewhat support	31	31	21	20	21	33	32	31	29	28	27	38	29	34
Somewhat oppose	23	23	29	39	19	21	17	24	23	20	22	29	26	21
Strongly oppose	17	21	45	39	49	12	8	20	21	19	19	22	24	12
Neither support nor oppose	16	14	1	2	1	15	18	18	19	12	24	7	14	17

14d. Both [RANDOMIZED ORDER: President Donald Trump and former President Barack Obama] have expressed support for the policy of basing teachers' salaries on how much their students learn. Do you support or oppose this policy?

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Strongly support	19	17	2	0	5	23	24	16	8	35	16	17	24	15
Somewhat support	34	32	18	10	26	34	32	33	33	29	32	36	36	34
Somewhat oppose	22	20	22	18	25	23	21	22	24	19	20	27	18	24
Strongly oppose	12	17	57	72	42	10	13	13	12	8	12	14	10	14
Neither support nor oppose	14	13	1	0	2	10	10	15	22	9	20	6	12	13

Unions and collective bargaining

15. [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	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	13	12	36	53	19	16	20	11	15	15	9	14	4	20
Somewhat positive effect	28	29	30	35	26	31	32	27	29	23	24	31	18	36
Somewhat negative effect	21	19	11	3	18	18	12	22	16	21	22	21	29	15
Strongly negative effect	13	10	7	2	13	8	3	16	7	23	15	17	25	3
Neither positive nor negative effect	26	30	16	7	24	27	34	25	33	19	30	16	24	26

16. As far as you know, in the school at which you work, is there a union representing teachers that bargains collectively with the local district?

	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Yes	57	91	23
No	33	4	61
Don't know	10	5	16

17. Are you currently a member of a teachers' union?

		Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Yes		50	100	0
No		50	0	100

Online instruction

18. 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	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	11	11	9	8	11	11	12	10	11	11	11	9	10	11

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

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Very willing	32	32	32	27	36	31	30	33	27	39	34	33	32	32
Somewhat willing	39	41	39	37	42	42	40	37	41	33	36	39	38	40
Somewhat unwilling	11	13	12	15	10	10	9	11	12	10	10	14	12	11
Very unwilling	8	9	12	15	9	9	6	9	7	10	8	10	10	7
Neither willing nor unwilling	9	6	5	6	3	8	14	9	13	8	12	4	8	9

Higher education

20a. What grade would you give the public four-year colleges and universities in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	18	19	24	38	12	23	16	17	24	14	13	24	12	23
B	51	51	57	46	67	49	50	52	48	45	51	54	48	53
C	24	24	17	15	19	22	28	24	23	29	28	15	29	19
D	4	4	1	0	2	3	3	4	3	6	4	4	5	3
Fail	3	2	1	1	1	4	2	4	3	6	4	3	5	2

20b. What grade would you give the public four-year colleges and universities in the nation as a whole?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	10	12	17	25	10	17	12	8	14	7	5	12	6	13
B	52	53	56	56	56	51	52	52	54	42	49	58	50	55
C	29	27	23	17	29	25	30	30	26	35	35	22	31	27
D	6	4	2	1	3	4	3	7	4	10	8	5	8	4
Fail	3	3	1	1	2	4	2	3	2	5	4	3	5	1

21a. What grade would you give the private four-year colleges and universities in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	19	20	28	30	27	19	18	19	18	17	16	25	18	19
B	55	56	58	57	59	55	57	55	55	57	54	55	54	57
C	19	17	12	12	13	21	22	18	19	17	19	16	19	19
D	4	2	1	0	1	2	2	4	3	5	5	3	5	2
Fail	3	5	1	1	0	2	2	4	4	4	5	1	4	3

21b. What grade would you give the private four-year colleges and universities in the nation as a whole?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	15	17	16	17	15	17	17	12	15	15	11	15	14	15
B	56	53	67	67	67	57	54	56	56	52	53	61	52	60
C	22	22	15	15	15	20	24	24	22	22	26	19	25	21
D	3	3	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	6	4	3	5	2
Fail	4	5	0	0	0	3	2	4	5	6	6	1	5	3

22a. Do you support or oppose making all public four-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	29	34	23	29	17	48	44	20	23	32	22	17	13	40
Somewhat support	26	26	30	34	27	27	32	24	24	22	24	25	16	34
Somewhat oppose	14	11	13	12	13	10	8	15	20	11	14	17	17	11
Strongly oppose	21	17	21	16	27	7	6	29	16	28	26	34	43	6
Neither support nor oppose	11	11	13	10	16	9	10	12	17	7	15	7	11	9

22b. According to the most recent information, about 50% of students attending public four-year colleges are from households with incomes above the national average. Do you support or oppose making all public four-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	29	31	29	34	24	51	47	20	23	33	22	18	12	42
Somewhat support	28	28	32	35	30	29	23	28	32	18	26	30	21	32
Somewhat oppose	13	14	16	18	14	5	9	15	12	16	13	18	17	10
Strongly oppose	21	19	19	10	27	6	4	27	14	29	26	31	42	4
Neither support nor oppose	10	8	4	3	6	9	17	10	19	4	13	4	8	11

23a. Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants to be eligible for the in-state college tuition rate if they graduated from high school in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	24	22	28	35	22	47	28	18	25	25	11	30	5	39
Somewhat support	22	21	34	38	31	26	24	19	21	17	16	22	17	27
Somewhat oppose	12	13	13	8	16	7	14	13	11	11	15	11	14	9
Strongly oppose	30	31	18	13	22	10	12	38	20	42	43	31	54	10
Neither support nor oppose	13	13	7	6	8	11	22	12	24	5	15	7	10	14

23b. President Donald Trump opposes the idea of allowing undocumented immigrants to be eligible for the in-state college tuition. Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants to be eligible for the in-state college tuition rate if they graduated from high school in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	24	21	28	28	28	46	25	18	25	25	13	27	9	35
Somewhat support	21	23	21	26	16	22	25	18	20	15	17	19	11	27
Somewhat oppose	13	14	12	14	9	9	15	14	15	10	13	15	16	10
Strongly oppose	30	26	25	21	30	14	15	38	20	44	42	29	55	12
Neither support nor oppose	13	15	14	11	18	8	20	13	21	6	14	10	9	16

Political activity and views

24. How frequently do you participate in political activities to support a candidate or issue, such as making phone calls, campaigning door-to-door, or distributing leaflets?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Never	62	63	57	48	65	64	54	64	57	64	68	56	65	58
Almost never	22	21	23	25	21	20	23	21	21	20	19	25	21	22
Sometimes	13	13	16	20	12	12	17	12	17	12	11	14	11	15
Fairly often	2	2	3	4	2	3	4	2	2	3	1	2	2	3
Often	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	2

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

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Voted	35	31	59	67	51	23	33	39	32	39	33	50	40	33
Did not vote	39	45	25	18	31	47	36	37	40	35	42	29	37	39
Ineligible	4	4	3	2	4	10	3	3	5	5	3	2	2	6
Don't know, can't remember	22	20	13	13	14	20	27	21	24	21	23	19	21	22

26. How much do you agree or disagree with the following?

26a. Elected officials should always follow the will of the people.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	40	37	28	26	31	46	41	38	8	82	43	31	44	37
Somewhat agree	37	37	51	57	44	34	32	39	32	18	37	43	35	39
Somewhat disagree	10	11	12	8	15	10	10	10	27	0	7	17	10	11
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	7	0	2	4	3	3
Neither support nor disagree	10	11	7	6	7	8	15	9	26	0	11	6	8	10

26b. The people, not the elected officials, should make our most important policy decisions.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	27	27	22	22	23	30	27	27	2	73	30	22	30	25
Somewhat agree	37	38	41	42	41	40	35	37	17	25	37	37	37	37
Somewhat disagree	17	16	20	18	21	14	15	18	36	0	15	23	16	18
Strongly disagree	6	5	5	7	4	5	5	6	16	0	4	10	5	6
Neither support nor disagree	13	14	11	12	11	12	17	12	29	2	14	9	11	13

26c. I would rather be represented by an ordinary citizen than by an experienced elected official.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	23	19	21	16	25	21	20	25	2	64	28	20	30	18
Somewhat agree	32	35	32	37	28	31	30	34	14	31	35	31	37	29
Somewhat disagree	19	19	26	26	26	21	18	18	33	3	14	24	15	23
Strongly disagree	8	6	8	7	9	9	9	8	20	0	5	12	4	11
Neither support nor disagree	18	20	14	15	12	19	23	16	31	2	18	13	14	19

26d. The political differences between the people and the elected officials are larger than the differences among the people.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	27	23	24	21	26	31	27	27	3	70	30	22	29	26
Somewhat agree	38	38	39	42	36	38	37	38	16	27	37	39	38	38
Somewhat disagree	14	15	17	20	15	12	12	13	33	1	10	20	12	15
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	9	0	3	4	2	4
Neither support nor disagree	18	21	18	15	20	16	21	19	38	2	21	15	18	18

26e. Elected officials talk too much and take too little action.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	47	41	42	42	42	48	43	47	9	92	50	43	50	44
Somewhat agree	36	39	41	39	43	34	33	37	33	8	34	40	36	36
Somewhat disagree	6	7	7	8	5	8	8	6	21	0	5	8	6	7
Strongly disagree	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	0	1	1	1	1
Neither support nor disagree	10	12	10	10	9	9	14	9	32	0	10	7	8	11

26f. Elected officials always end up agreeing when it comes to protecting their privileges.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	43	36	36	35	38	43	41	43	9	86	46	38	47	40
Somewhat agree	34	37	37	37	37	36	31	34	31	13	30	40	32	36
Somewhat disagree	8	8	11	13	10	8	8	8	20	0	6	10	7	9
Strongly disagree	4	5	3	3	2	3	4	4	8	0	4	4	4	3
Neither support nor disagree	12	14	13	12	13	10	16	12	32	0	14	8	10	12

Perceptions of student demographics and spending equity

27. What percent of the public school student population in your local district would you say is:

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Black or African-American	23	21	19	16	22	24	45	19	24	22	21	18	20	26
Hispanic	25	26	25	24	25	45	26	20	26	25	21	18	22	27

28. What percent of the public school student population in the United States would you say is:

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Black or African-American	31	31	29	29	29	31	42	29	30	31	31	26	29	32
Hispanic	27	29	26	28	25	36	30	25	28	28	26	23	26	28

29. In most states, the average amount spent per child attending public schools varies from one school district to the next. What about here in [your state]? Compared to districts with a small percentage of poor students, do you think districts with a large percentage of poor students spend more, less, or about the same amount?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
More	19	21	25	24	26	23	19	19	16	19	17	21	21	18
About same	42	45	40	44	36	45	38	43	49	40	48	35	48	38
Less	38	34	35	31	38	32	42	38	35	41	35	45	31	44

30a. [ASKED ONLY IF #29 IS 'More'] In [your state], how much more would you say is spent per student, on average, in districts where most students are poor compared to districts where most students are not poor?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
1-10%	14	17	20	17	23	11	12	14	14	13	13	15	14	14
11-25%	38	35	38	36	40	34	33	41	33	30	39	45	40	37
26-50%	29	28	27	26	28	33	31	30	34	35	31	28	29	29
51-75%	13	15	10	17	3	13	16	11	12	13	14	7	12	13
76-100%	4	3	3	1	5	3	5	4	4	5	4	3	5	3
Greater than 100%	2	3	2	3	1	5	3	1	4	4	0	1	1	4

30b. [ASKED ONLY IF #29 IS 'Less'] In [your state], how much less would you say is spent per student, on average, in districts where most students are poor compared to districts where most students are not poor?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
1-10%	13	16	11	10	12	9	11	15	13	14	17	12	19	10
11-25%	43	42	43	41	44	37	34	46	44	44	46	47	47	41
26-50%	32	31	31	37	27	37	31	32	30	31	30	34	27	35
51-75%	9	11	15	12	18	16	16	6	10	9	6	6	5	11
76-100%	2	1	0	0	0	2	7	1	3	3	2	1	2	3

29_30a/b. In most states, the average amount spent per child attending public schools varies from one school district to the next. What about here in [your state]? Compared to districts with a small percentage of poor students, do you think districts with a large percentage of poor students spend more, less, or about the same amount? [How much more / How much less] would you say is spent per student, on average, in districts where most students are poor compared to districts where most students are not poor?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	Bottom Quartile of Populism Scale	Top Quartile of Populism Scale	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-yr. College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-yr. College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greater than 100% more	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
76-100% more	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
51-75% more	2	3	2	4	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
26-50% more	6	6	7	6	7	8	6	6	5	7	5	6	6	5
11-25% more	7	7	10	9	11	8	6	8	5	6	7	9	8	7
1-10% more	3	4	5	4	6	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	3
About same	43	46	40	44	36	46	39	43	49	41	48	35	48	38
1-10% less	5	5	4	3	4	3	5	6	4	6	6	5	6	5
11-25% less	16	14	15	13	17	12	14	18	15	18	16	21	15	18
26-50% less	12	10	11	11	10	12	13	12	11	12	10	15	8	15
51-75% less	3	4	5	4	7	5	7	2	4	4	2	3	2	5
76-100% less	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	1