

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

## Parent Responses

For details on the methodology behind these survey responses, please see “Parental Anxieties over Student Learning Dissipate as Schools Relax Anti-Covid Measures”  
by Paul E. Peterson, David M. Houston, Martin R. West at <http://educationnext.org/>.  
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Each parent answered Questions 1 through 16 below about each of their children in kindergarten through 12th grade.  
Response frequencies in columns for Questions 1 through 16 are percentages of K–12 students. Due to rounding, column totals may not always sum to 100.

\*Red State is defined as carried by Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

†Blue State is defined as carried by Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election.

### Student Experiences as Reported by Parents

	All	Child's school type				Child's grade				Race / ethnicity of parent(s)			HH income		Education		Party affiliation							
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Number of students	3204	2014	514	439	203	621	580	774	1174	529	438	1829	1531	1673	1736	1468	1505	1577	1475	1729	773	657	732	920

Q1. How satisfied are you with the instruction and activities provided by this child's school?

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Very satisfied	48	46	63	46	0	58	52	39	45	47	40	51	46	49	51	45	46	47	45	50	46	44	47	49
Somewhat satisfied	38	39	25	42	0	33	37	39	41	40	49	37	36	39	36	39	38	39	38	38	38	39	38	39
Somewhat dissatisfied	8	8	10	7	0	6	6	12	8	6	7	8	11	7	8	9	9	9	9	8	7	11	11	7
Very dissatisfied	3	3	2	2	0	0	3	5	3	4	1	3	3	3	2	3	4	2	5	2	6	3	2	1
Neither	3	3	0	3	0	3	1	4	4	3	4	2	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Q2. Do you think this child is learning more, less, or about the same this school year as they would have learned if there had not been a pandemic?

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A lot more	10	10	10	13	0	15	11	9	8	19	17	9	12	9	9	11	9	11	10	11	9	11	9	10
Somewhat more	18	17	21	21	0	22	15	18	18	27	20	14	24	15	13	22	16	20	18	18	17	21	15	20
Somewhat less	24	25	12	21	0	19	21	25	28	26	29	22	21	25	25	22	23	26	22	25	21	23	24	29
A lot less	7	8	2	6	0	6	8	6	7	8	6	7	10	5	5	8	9	5	6	7	8	5	11	5
About the same	41	39	55	39	0	38	45	43	38	21	28	49	34	45	47	37	43	38	44	39	45	40	41	36

Q3. Some parents are confident their children will recover from any learning losses and catch up to the level that students are expected to achieve within a year or two. Other parents are concerned their children will never catch up to the level that students are expected to achieve. How would you assess the situation with this child?

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Very confident they will catch up	30	31	23	26	0	31	23	31	34	32	36	28	29	31	32	29	29	32	29	31	27	29	31	33
Somewhat confident they will catch up	18	20	10	18	0	14	23	20	17	22	18	17	19	18	18	18	19	18	16	21	18	14	20	22
Somewhat concerned they will never catch up	7	8	2	5	0	4	8	8	7	8	10	7	9	6	5	8	8	7	7	7	6	8	10	6
Very concerned they will never catch up	2	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1
My child did not experience any learning losses	43	39	64	51	0	51	43	40	40	35	35	47	41	44	43	42	42	42	48	39	47	49	37	37

Q4a. Are the measures this child's school is taking to limit the spread of Covid-19 having a positive or negative effect on your child's academic knowledge and skills?

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Strongly positive	16	16	18	17	0	19	14	13	17	20	26	13	21	13	13	18	11	19	14	18	9	19	14	19
Somewhat positive	19	19	14	23	0	26	14	15	20	26	30	15	22	17	17	20	13	25	14	23	9	19	17	28
Somewhat negative	19	20	16	11	0	10	22	21	20	18	14	19	13	22	20	17	25	14	20	18	25	15	25	13
Strongly negative	6	6	3	4	0	5	6	7	5	4	2	6	6	5	5	6	8	4	5	6	7	3	9	4
Neither	41	40	50	46	0	40	43	44	39	33	28	47	38	43	44	39	43	39	48	36	51	44	35	35

Q4b. Are the measures this child's school is taking to limit the spread of Covid-19 having a positive or negative effect on your child's social relationships?

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Strongly positive	15	14	16	20	0	19	12	12	14	19	28	11	20	11	12	17	10	18	13	16	9	17	12	18
Somewhat positive	17	17	14	17	0	19	17	15	18	26	25	13	21	15	16	18	12	22	13	20	10	17	14	26
Somewhat negative	24	24	22	21	0	21	24	29	22	21	17	25	17	28	28	21	27	22	24	23	27	22	26	22
Strongly negative	10	10	7	7	0	7	9	10	11	8	7	11	7	11	9	10	14	7	8	11	10	7	18	6
Neither	35	34	41	36	0	33	38	34	35	26	23	40	35	35	36	34	38	32	41	30	45	37	30	28

Q4c. Are the measures this child's school is taking to limit the spread of Covid-19 having a positive or negative effect on your child's emotional wellbeing?

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Strongly positive	15	14	17	17	0	19	13	12	14	20	24	12	19	12	12	16	10	18	12	16	9	17	12	18
Somewhat positive	17	17	12	19	0	20	14	14	18	20	26	13	19	15	16	17	11	22	12	21	7	16	14	26
Somewhat negative	24	25	25	18	0	18	26	26	26	23	22	25	21	26	23	25	27	23	24	24	27	22	27	23
Strongly negative	7	8	3	6	0	5	8	9	7	6	6	8	7	7	8	6	11	4	7	7	9	5	13	4
Neither	37	37	42	40	0	38	39	40	35	31	22	42	35	39	40	36	41	34	45	32	49	40	33	29

Q4d. Are the measures this child's school is taking to limit the spread of Covid-19 having a positive or negative effect on your child's physical fitness?

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Strongly positive	16	16	16	16	0	21	14	14	14	22	28	12	20	13	13	18	11	19	13	18	9	18	12	21
Somewhat positive	17	16	14	20	0	19	13	16	19	22	27	14	21	15	16	18	14	19	14	19	12	17	16	21
Somewhat negative	19	20	17	17	0	12	23	21	21	25	13	20	18	20	18	20	21	19	19	19	18	21	23	18
Strongly negative	7	7	6	7	0	5	7	10	7	5	7	7	6	7	8	6	10	5	6	7	8	5	13	4
Neither	41	41	47	40	0	43	43	40	40	27	25	47	35	45	46	38	44	38	47	36	53	39	36	36

Q5. Do you think this child's school is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to limit the spread of Covid-19?

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Too much	8	8	8	9	0	10	9	7	7	12	1	9	7	9	8	9	12	4	5	11	9	1	15	6
About the right amount	80	79	87	86	0	77	82	79	81	78	84	80	81	79	81	80	83	78	83	77	86	80	80	77
Too little	12	13	6	4	0	13	10	14	12	10	15	12	12	12	12	12	5	18	11	12	5	19	5	17

Q6. What has been the masking policy this school year at this child's school?

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Masks currently required and have been all year	9	7	13	22	0	9	7	10	8	17	21	3	15	5	4	12	3	15	8	9	2	15	3	14
Masks currently required but were not earlier this year	2	2	1	3	0	2	1	2	2	1	7	1	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	3
Masks no longer required but were earlier this year	69	73	53	49	0	69	73	64	71	68	60	70	61	73	75	64	68	71	61	75	61	63	75	77
No mask requirement all year	21	19	33	26	0	20	19	24	19	15	11	26	21	21	20	22	27	12	30	14	34	21	20	5

Q7. [Asked of parents who did not home school this year.] Will this child attend the same school next year?

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Yes	76	75	82	80	0	91	76	68	73	74	71	76	78	75	75	77	75	78	76	77	73	78	76	78
No	24	25	18	20	0	9	24	32	27	26	29	24	22	25	25	23	25	22	24	23	27	22	24	22

Q8. [Asked of parents who reported “No” in Q7] Why will this child change schools? (select all that apply)

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Grade level not offered at current school	52	53	50	30	0	42	70	73	25	43	54	53	45	55	58	47	48	55	46	57	44	45	51	62
Changing residence	9	10	2	3	0	31	17	6	2	6	19	9	13	7	9	8	9	10	13	5	10	17	7	4
Dissatisfied with current school's response to Covid-19	1	1	2	1	0	1	3	0	2	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	1	0	5	1
Dissatisfied with other aspects of current school	7	5	17	12	0	17	9	5	5	4	6	7	8	6	9	5	8	6	7	7	6	8	10	5
Other	36	35	36	56	0	15	12	20	69	46	23	36	35	37	32	39	41	32	39	34	44	34	37	31

Q9. [Asked of parents who reported “No” in Q7] What type of school will this child attend next year?

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Non-charter public school	66	70	43	34	0	82	88	89	29	68	70	64	67	65	67	65	63	68	62	69	58	66	69	70
Charter school	3	1	9	29	0	3	3	4	3	2	12	1	8	1	1	5	1	6	3	3	2	5	0	6
Private school	10	8	28	12	0	8	3	7	17	4	7	11	4	13	17	5	8	12	10	10	10	10	5	14
Home school	2	1	8	6	0	4	3	1	3	0	3	3	4	1	1	3	3	1	4	1	5	3	2	1
Don't know	19	19	13	18	0	2	2	0	47	25	8	20	17	20	14	22	24	12	21	17	25	17	23	9

Q10. [Asked of parents who home schooled this year] Will this child be home schooled next year?

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Yes	75	0	0	0	75	77	68	88	70	65	36	82	77	74	80	71	81	48	69	85	75	33	90	69
No	25	0	0	0	25	23	32	12	30	35	64	18	23	26	20	29	19	52	31	15	25	67	10	31

Q11. [Asked of parents who reported “No” in Q10] Why are you planning not to homeschool next year? (select all that apply)

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Don't have the time	12	0	0	0	12	9	28	26	0	28	0	7	31	0	0	18	3	25	15	0	3	34	0	0
Child not learning enough at home	19	0	0	0	19	9	49	30	4	0	0	13	34	9	20	18	15	19	17	26	5	26	53	0
Child needs more social interaction	38	0	0	0	38	67	47	38	12	41	9	37	63	22	41	37	25	51	39	33	24	55	27	39
For child to participate in sports or other extra-curricular activities	11	0	0	0	11	3	16	68	0	28	0	9	21	5	9	12	8	10	9	18	3	11	30	6
Child wants to go to school	31	0	0	0	31	44	25	97	11	69	9	30	61	11	21	36	26	33	30	33	26	31	27	39
Only planned to homeschool during the pandemic	24	0	0	0	24	51	27	30	0	0	44	21	13	32	59	7	13	34	24	26	4	46	53	0

Q12. [Asked of parents who reported “No” in Q10] What type of school will this child attend next year?

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Non-charter public school	57	0	0	0	57	62	66	42	29	69	54	63	69	50	35	67	60	50	55	63	60	44	62	64
Charter school	13	0	0	0	13	25	22	0	0	0	44	0	16	12	23	9	0	30	17	0	1	40	0	0
Private school	12	0	0	0	12	14	11	34	6	16	0	8	0	19	37	0	14	10	9	22	10	8	34	13
Don't know	18	0	0	0	18	0	0	24	65	15	2	29	15	20	5	24	25	11	20	14	30	7	4	23

Q13. Some parents think their child's school places too little emphasis on slavery, racism, and other challenges faced by Black people in the United States. Other parents think their child's school places too much emphasis on these topics. What is your view about this child's school?

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Far too little	6	7	2	5	0	5	5	6	9	7	21	3	7	6	6	7	2	10	6	7	2	11	1	9
Too little	18	19	11	17	0	18	19	17	19	18	28	14	18	18	19	17	10	27	18	18	5	33	15	22
About the right amount	64	63	76	58	0	68	68	63	59	63	47	70	64	64	65	64	69	59	67	62	77	52	60	63
Too much	7	6	6	16	0	6	5	7	9	7	2	8	8	6	5	8	10	5	6	8	8	4	12	5
Far too much	4	4	4	4	0	4	3	7	4	5	0	5	3	5	5	4	9	0	4	5	7	0	12	0

Q14. Some parents say fighting and bullying by other students is a serious problem at their school. Other parents say it is not a problem at their school at all. How serious a problem is fighting and bullying at this child's school?

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Very serious	9	10	3	10	0	4	6	15	10	9	16	8	13	6	6	11	8	11	9	9	9	10	7	11
Somewhat serious	31	33	15	20	0	20	26	36	37	36	30	29	32	30	26	34	29	31	26	34	26	26	33	35
Not serious	46	48	41	44	0	58	52	38	42	39	42	50	40	50	53	42	49	43	48	44	51	44	47	43
Not at all	14	10	42	26	0	19	16	11	11	16	12	13	15	14	15	14	14	14	17	12	14	19	13	11

Q15. Did this child receive a Covid-19 vaccine?

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Yes	57	59	48	59	30	42	52	60	69	59	58	54	42	65	68	48	41	71	48	64	36	63	47	77
No	44	41	52	41	70	58	48	40	31	41	42	46	58	35	32	52	59	29	52	36	64	37	53	23

Q16. [Asked of parents who home schooled this year] During a typical week (Monday through Friday), some children go to a school with a physical location for part of the week and learn from home for the other part. Does this description fit this child's educational experience?

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Yes	13	0	0	0	12	15	18	10	7	16	0	14	13	13	24	7	18	2	16	8	24	0	10	4
No	87	0	0	0	88	85	82	90	93	84	100	86	87	87	76	93	82	98	84	92	76	100	90	96