



National Parents Union Survey
N=1001 parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade
 Sample from Dynata online web panel
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 Margin of Error: ±3.9 percentage points

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. [QFutureWorry] Thinking about your children’s future, what are you MOST worried about as a parent?
 [OPEN-END]

2. [School District Rating Battery] Overall, how well do you think K-12 public schools in your school district are currently doing at each of the following? [DISPLAY AS GRID]
 [RANDOMIZE ITEM ORDER] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]
 1. Very well 2. Somewhat well 3. Not too well 4. Not at all well 5. Unsure

	VERY/ SOME. WELL	NOT TOO/AT ALL WELL	1. Very well	2. Some. well	3. Not too well	4. Not at all well	5. Unsure
1. Teaching reading skills	89%	10%	47%	42%	8%	2%	1%
2. Teaching math skills	86%	13%	41%	44%	10%	3%	1%
3. Preparing students academically for college	74%	22%	29%	45%	18%	4%	4%
4. Preparing students for future careers	67%	29%	25%	41%	21%	8%	4%
5. Helping students catch up who fell behind during the COVID-19 pandemic	67%	27%	28%	39%	17%	9%	6%
6. Addressing students’ mental health needs	63%	31%	27%	35%	21%	11%	6%

3. [QSchoolSupport] Thinking about what your children’s schools are doing to help students catch up who fell behind during the COVID-19 pandemic, do you think . . . ? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]
 1. Enough support is available to help students catch up 32%
 2. More support is needed to help students catch up 59%
 3. Unsure 9%

4. [QHelpCatchUp] Which of the following do you think would be good ways for your children’s schools to help students catch up? Please select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE 1-9] [SELECT MULTIPLE]

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| 1. Offer tutoring | 67% |
| 2. Offer after-school programs | 57% |
| 3. Offer online educational resources | 54% |
| 4. Offer summer school programs | 46% |
| 5. Offer Saturday school programs | 29% |
| 6. Allow students to repeat a grade level to catch up | 16% |
| 7. Offer a free 13th year of school to students who need it | 15% |
| 8. Make the school year longer | 9% |
| 9. Make the school day longer | 9% |
| 10. Something else (Please specify) | 3% |
| 11. Nothing | 2% |
| 12. Unsure | 3% |

5. [QResearchChange] New research has been done to identify the best ways to teach math and reading to students in grades K-12. That research suggests that some changes should be made to the methods that are typically used in schools today when it comes to teaching these subjects.

Which of the following do you think you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. We should stick to the current ways that students are being taught reading and math rather than trying to change things | 30% |
| 2. We should change the way we teach students reading and math to line up with what the newest research says is best | 58% |
| 3. Unsure | 12% |

6. [Help with Chance of Success Battery] How much do you think K-12 public schools offering each of the following would help students have a better chance of achieving success after they graduate from high school? [DISPLAY GRID] [RANDOMIZE ITEM ORDER] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

1. Would help a lot 2. Would help some 3. Would not help much 4. Would not help at all 5. Unsure

	HELP A LOT/ SOME	NOT HELP MUCH/ AT ALL	1. Would help a lot	2. Would help some	3. Would not help much	4. Would not help at all	5. Unsure
1. Guidance on future career options and pathways	94%	3%	67%	27%	2%	1%	3%
2. Opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials through career and technical education classes	93%	3%	66%	27%	3%	*%	4%
3. Guidance on how to apply for college and financial aid	93%	5%	66%	27%	3%	1%	3%
4. Dual-enrollment courses that allow high school students to earn college credit	92%	4%	64%	28%	3%	1%	3%
5. Internship or apprenticeship opportunities	92%	4%	69%	23%	3%	1%	4%

SPECIFIC CHILD QUESTIONS

IF HAS TWO OR MORE CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12 [QKidNum=2-6], INSERT:

[ParentIntroText] For the following questions, please respond regarding your [INSERT FIRST/SECOND/ETC] child in birth order from oldest to youngest, who is in <INSERT RESPONSE FOR APPROPRIATE CHILD FROM QKidGrade>.

[RANDOMIZE WHICH CHILD IS ASKED ABOUT, SPLITTING EVENLY BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR PARENTS OF TWO CHILDREN, ASK 50% ABOUT FIRST CHILD (IN BIRTH ORDER FROM OLDEST TO YOUNGEST) WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL, 50% ABOUT SECOND CHILD WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL. PROGRAM FOR UP TO SIX CHILDREN.]

7. **[QTalkedGoals] Has your child's school talked with you about your child's future career or college goals?**
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| 1. Yes | 31% |
| 2. No | 66% |
| 3. Unsure | 3% |
8. **[QConnect] How often, if ever, do your child's teachers explain to them how what they are learning will help them in their future after high school (e.g., in college, their career, or life in general)? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**
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| OFTEN/SOMETIMES | 61% |
| RARELY/NEVER | 28% |
| 1. Often | 19% |
| 2. Sometimes | 42% |
| 3. Rarely | 21% |
| 4. Never | 8% |
| 5. Unsure | 11% |
9. **[QWantConnect] [SHOW HALF A: Would you like your child's teachers to explain to them how what they are learning will help in their future after high school more often, or do you think they do this often enough?] [SHOW HALF B: Do you think your child's teachers explain to them how what they are learning will help in their future after high school often enough, or would you like them to do this more often? [SHOW RESPONSES IN ORDER MATCHING ORDER IN QUESTION]**
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| 1. Would like them to do this more often | 50% |
| 2. Think they do this often enough | 40% |
| 3. Unsure | 10% |
10. **[QOfferPlan] Does your child's school offer personalized pathway plans for students outlining classes they could take and things they could do while in grades K-12 to help them achieve their individual career or college goals?**
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| 1. Yes, my child's school offers pathway plans | 38% |
| 2. No, my child's school does not offer pathway plans | 39% |
| 3. Unsure | 23% |

11. [QWhenOfferPlan] In which grade level do you think it would be appropriate for schools to **START** offering personalized pathway plans for students outlining classes they could take and things they could do while in grades K-12 to help them achieve their individual career or college goals?

1. Kindergarten	3%
2. 1st grade	4%
3. 2nd grade	2%
4. 3rd grade	5%
5. 4th grade	5%
6. 5th grade	10%
7. 6th grade	21%
8. 7th grade	10%
9. 8th grade	13%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	20%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	4%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	1%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	*0%
14. Unsure	2%

12. [QWantPlan] Would you want to have a personalized pathway plan for your child outlining classes they could take and things they could do while in grades K-12 to help them achieve their individual career or college goals?

1. Yes, I would want a personalized pathway plan for my child	84%
2. No, I would not want a personalized pathway plan for my child	7%
3. Unsure	9%

13. [QDecidePlan] Who do you think should have a say in deciding what educational or career pathway a student should follow? Please select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE 1-4] [SELECT MULTIPLE]

1. The student themselves	78%
2. The student's parents	71%
3. The student's teachers	37%
4. The school district	16%
5. Other (Please specify)	1%
6. Unsure	1%

14. [On Track Battery] At this point in the school year, how do you feel your child is doing in each of the following areas? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-3, 3-1] [RANDOMIZE ITEM ORDER]

1. Struggling or behind where they are expected to be for their grade level	2. On track for their grade level	3. Advanced or ahead of where they are expected to be for their grade level	4. Unsure
	1. Struggling or behind where they are expected to be for their grade level	2. On track for their grade level	3. Advanced or ahead of where they are expected to be for their grade level
1. Math	20%	53%	26%
2. Writing and reading	18%	51%	30%
3. Science	10%	64%	22%
			4. Unsure
			1%
			1%
			4%

15. [QHowAssess] How do you know whether your child is on track for their grade level? Please select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE 1-4] [SELECT MULTIPLE]

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| 1. Based on their report card and grades on assignments | 74% |
| 2. Based on what their teacher(s) have told you | 59% |
| 3. Based on their results on tests administered by their school, not the state | 48% |
| 4. Based on their results on statewide tests | 36% |
| 5. Other (Please specify) | 3% |
| 6. Unsure | 1% |

16. [QWantDiscussProgress] [SHOW HALF A: Would you like your child's teachers to discuss your child's performance and progress with you more often, or do you think they do this often enough?] [SHOW HALF B: Do you think your child's teachers discuss your child's performance and progress with you often enough, or would you like them to do this more often?] [SHOW RESPONSES IN ORDER MATCHING ORDER IN QUESTION]

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| 1. Would like them to do this more often | 54% |
| 2. Think they do this often enough | 43% |
| 3. Unsure | 3% |

17. [Report Card Information Battery] Do you feel that your child's report card gives you enough information about each of the following, or not? [DISPLAY AS GRID] [RANDOMIZE ITEM ORDER]

	1. Yes, their report card gives enough information about this	2. No, their report card does not give enough information about this	3. Unsure
		1. Yes, their report card gives enough information about this	2. No, their report card does not give enough information about this
			3. Unsure
1. Specific areas in which your child is doing well	74%	23%	3%
2. Whether your child is on track for their grade level	69%	27%	4%
3. How much progress your child has made since the beginning of the year	65%	31%	4%
4. Specific areas in which your child could improve	64%	32%	5%

18. [QLastYearTest] Last school year (2021-2022), did your child take any statewide student achievement tests?

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| 1. Yes | 59% |
| 2. No | 28% |
| 3. Unsure | 13% |

IF CHILD DID TAKE TESTS [QLastYearTest=1], ASK:

19. [QReceivedTestInfo] Have you received information about your child's statewide student achievement test results?

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| 1. Yes, I have received information about their test results | 81% |
| 2. No, I have not received information about their test results | 16% |
| 3. Unsure | 2% |

IF RECEIVED INFORMATION [QReceivedTestInfo = 1], ASK:

20. [QUnderstandInfo] Were you able to understand the information you received about your child's statewide student achievement test results?

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| 1. Yes, I was able to understand the information I received | 92% |
| 2. No, I was not able to understand the information I received | 6% |
| 3. Unsure | 1% |

IF RECEIVED INFORMATION [QReceivedTestInfo = 1], ASK:

21. [QCommInfo] Has your child's school offered to discuss your child's statewide student achievement test results with you to help you understand them?

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| 1. Yes | 58% |
| 2. No | 37% |
| 3. Unsure | 5% |

IF RECEIVED INFORMATION [QReceivedTestInfo = 1], ASK:

22. [QUsedInfo] How have you used the information you received about your child's statewide student achievement test results? Please select all that apply, if any. [RANDOMIZE 1-3] [SELECT MULTIPLE]

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| 1. To ask questions about my child's progress and performance this school year | 49% |
| 2. To ask my child's school to provide additional academic support for my child in areas they did not do well on their test(s) | 34% |
| 3. To decide which school my child should attend | 21% |
| 4. Used another way (Please specify) | 1% |
| 5. I have not used the information about their test results | 30% |

ELECTIONS AND POLICY QUESTIONS

Now, shifting topics . . .

23. [Election Effect Battery] Thinking about the overall results of the 2022 elections for both the US Senate and US House of Representatives, what kind of effect do you think the outcome of the 2022 elections will have on each of following? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	1. Positive effect	2. Negative effect	3. It won't have an effect	4. Unsure
1. The K-12 public education system	29%	21%	22%	28%
2. You and your family	29%	26%	22%	22%
3. The economy	25%	38%	14%	23%

24. [Policy Battery] Would you support or oppose the federal government doing each of the following? [DISPLAY AS GRID] [RANDOMIZE ITEM ORDER] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

1. Strongly support 2. Somewhat support 3. Somewhat oppose 4. Strongly oppose 5. Unsure

	STRONG./SOME. SUPPORT	STRONG./SOME. OPPOSE	1. Strongly support	2. Some. support	3. Some. oppose	4. Strongly oppose	5. Unsure
1. Provide free lunch at school for all K-12 public school students	90%	8%	73%	18%	5%	3%	2%
2. Provide funding directly to families of public-school students to help them pay for additional mental health support for their children (e.g., counseling outside of school)	86%	11%	56%	29%	7%	4%	3%
3. Provide funding for students graduating from public high schools to receive one free year of college classes or career training	86%	11%	64%	23%	7%	4%	3%
4. Provide funding directly to families of public-school students to help them pay for additional educational support for their children (e.g., tutoring outside of school)	83%	12%	56%	27%	8%	4%	5%
5. Reinstate the expanded Child Tax Credit to give eligible families monthly checks of \$300 per child under age 6 and \$250 per child age 6 or older	81%	15%	59%	22%	9%	6%	5%

25. [QLoanForgiveness] Earlier this year, the Biden-Harris Administration announced a Student Loan Debt Relief Plan, which would provide one-time student loan debt forgiveness of up to \$20,000 for Americans who received Pell Grants and up to \$10,000 for those who did not receive Pell Grants. To be eligible, a borrower's annual income must be below \$125,000.

Do you support or oppose this Student Loan Debt Relief Plan? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	69%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	25%
1. Strongly support	48%
2. Somewhat support	21%
3. Somewhat oppose	10%
4. Strongly oppose	15%
5. Unsure	6%

26. [TRAP] Please select "Green" so we can make sure your responses are being recorded correctly.

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| 1. Red | [TERMINATE] |
| 2. Orange | [TERMINATE] |
| 3. Yellow | [TERMINATE] |
| 4. Green | |
| 5. Blue | [TERMINATE] |
| 6. Purple | [TERMINATE] |
| 7. Unsure | [TERMINATE] |

DEMOGRAPHICS

Now I would like to ask you some questions for statistical purposes . . .

27. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a ... ?

[RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]

STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN	24%
STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT	34%
1. Strong Republican	14%
2. Not very strong Republican	10%
3. Independent	31%
4. Not very strong Democrat	14%
5. Strong Democrat	20%
6. A member of another party	2%
7. Unsure	10%

IF INDEPENDENT, UNSURE, OR MEMBER OF ANOTHER PARTY [QParty=3, 6, OR 7], ASK:

28. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?

[RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

TOTAL VOTES FOR REPUBLICANS	18%
TOTAL VOTES FOR DEMOCRATS	20%
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates	4%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats	14%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans	15%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	5%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	28%
6. Unsure	34%

PARTY CONSOLIDATED (QParty + QPartyLean)

1. Republican	32%
2. Democrat	42%
3. Independent/Other/Unsure - No lean	26%

ASK ALL:

29. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be...? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	25%
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	27%
1. Very conservative	10%
2. Somewhat conservative	15%
3. Moderate	40%
4. Somewhat liberal	17%
5. Very liberal	9%
6. Unsure	9%

30. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?	
1. Employed full-time	62%
2. Employed part-time	9%
3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work	2%
4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer	*%
5. Unemployed and looking for work	5%
6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work	1%
7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	15%
8. Full time student	*%
9. Retired	3%
10. Something else (Please specify)	3%
11. Prefer not to say	*%
31. [QIncome] Which range includes your annual household income?	
1. Less than \$30,000 per year	16%
2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year	19%
3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	21%
4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year	25%
5. More than \$125,000 per year	18%
6. Prefer not to say	1%
32. [QState] In what state do you live?	
[DROPDOWN MENU WITH 50 STATES]	
1. States in the Northeast	16%
2. States in the Midwest	19%
3. States in the South	40%
4. States in the West	26%
33. [QUrbanRural] How would you describe the area in which you live? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]	
1. City	27%
2. Suburb near a city	42%
3. Small town not near a city	12%
4. Rural or country area	18%
34. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?	
1. Single, never married	9%
2. Married	78%
3. Living with a partner	6%
4. Separated	1%
5. Divorced	5%
6. Widowed	1%

SCREENERS AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS (ASKED AT BEGINNING SURVEY)

35. [QIndustry] Do you or does anyone in your household work in any of the following industries? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-8]

1. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
2. Market research	TERMINATE	-
3. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
4. Healthcare		14%
5. Food service or the restaurant industry		11%
6. Education or early childhood development		10%
7. Sales		8%
8. Technology		6%
9. None of these		62%

36. [QParent Screener] Are you the parent or guardian of a child or children currently in grades kindergarten through 12th grade (2022–2023 school year)?

1. Yes		100%
2. No	TERMINATE	-
3. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

37. [QHome Screener] Where do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade live?

1. Full-time with me in my home		94%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		6%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-

38. [QPublic Screener] What type of school do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade attend?

1. Public school		100%
2. Private school	TERMINATE	-
3. Homeschool	TERMINATE	-
4. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

39. [QKidNum] How many children do you have in public school in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?

1. 1		44%
2. 2		39%
3. 3		13%
4. 4		3%
5. 5		1%
6. 6		*%
7. 7		*%
8. 8		-
9. 9		-
10. 10 or more		*%

40. [QKidGrade_1A] IF QKidNum=1: Please select your child's current grade level (2022-2023 school year).

IF QKidNum=2-10+: Please select the current grade level (2022-2023 school year) of each of your children, in birth order from oldest to youngest: [REPEAT FOR EACH CHILD, INCLUDE CHILD TEXT]

- [QKidGrade_1B] First Child**
- [QKidGrade_2] Second Child**
- [QKidGrade_3] Third Child**
- [QKidGrade_4] Fourth Child**
- [QKidGrade_5] Fifth Child**
- [QKidGrade_6] Sixth Child**
- [QKidGrade_7] Seventh Child**
- [QKidGrade_8] Eighth Child**
- [QKidGrade_9] Ninth Child**
- [QKidGrade_10] Tenth Child**

1. Kindergarten	18%
2. 1st grade	13%
3. 2nd grade	13%
4. 3rd grade	15%
5. 4th grade	15%
6. 5th grade	13%
7. 6th grade	14%
8. 7th grade	12%
9. 8th grade	14%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	15%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	14%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	9%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	10%

41. [QGender] Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

1. Woman	56%
2. Man	44%
3. Some other way	*%

42. [QRace] What is your race or ethnicity? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-6]

1. White	61%
2. Hispanic or Latino	22%
3. Black or African American	14%
4. Asian	7%
5. Native American or Alaska Native	3%
6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2%
7. Something else (Please specify)	1%

43. [QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. High school or less	35%
2. Some college	21%
3. Associate degree	10%
4. Bachelor's degree	21%
5. Graduate degree	13%
6. Prefer not to say	*%

44. [QAge] What is your age?

[OPEN-END, TERMINATE IF UNDER 18]

1. 18-29	9%
2. 30-39	33%
3. 40-49	44%
4. 50-64	13%
5. 65+	1%