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PDK 2017 Survey Topline Data Report

National Results

This Phi Delta Kappa survey was conducted by landline and cell phone May 4-21, 2017, among a random sample of 1,588 adults, including an oversample of public school parents to a total of 598. Results have a margin of sampling error of 3.5 points for the full sample, including design effects. Error margins are larger for subgroups. The survey was produced for Phi Delta Kappa by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by SSRS of Media, Pa.

Full results follow, including screening questions in tables.

Unless otherwise noted, * = <0.5 percent.

Tables from school identification questions (available upon request):

[IF HAS SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN] Do you have any children in:

	Public	Private	Parochial	Home school
5/21/17	85	8	3	5

[IF HAS CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL] Oldest child in public school attends:

	Traditional	Charter	Magnet	Something else (vol.)	No opinion
5/21/17	83	5	5	4	3

1. What do you think are the biggest problems facing schools in your community? [OPEN-END, ALLOW UP TO 3 RESPONSES]

	5/21/17	5/10/16
Lack of money/financial support	22	19
Concerns about standards/quality of education	9	9
Difficulty getting good teachers/quality teachers	7	7
Lack of discipline/Behavior of the children	7	9
Fighting/violence/gangs	6	8
Drugs in school	6	6
Overcrowded schools/classrooms	5	4
Parents' lack of support/interest	5	5
Not enough teachers	3	2
Poor curriculum	3	5
Mismanagement of funds	3	5
Testing/regulations	3	3
Government interference	3	5
Integration/segregation/discrimination problems	2	2
Student apathy/lack of interest	1	2
Political correctness/liberal ideology	1	0
Language barrier/non-English speaking students	*	1

Lack of religion	*	1
Food (lack of food/poor quality/lack of nutrition)	*	0
Bullying	0	2
Leadership	0	1
Teacher salaries	0	1
Teacher unions	0	*
Other	7	7
Everything	2	3
No problems	1	2
No opinion	18	11

	Funding	Stdrds.	Discip.	Viol.	Teach. qual.	Drugs	Parents	Crowding	Testing	Racial
5/21/17	22	9	7	6	7	6	5	5	3	2
5/10/16	19	9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
5/2015^	23	7	6	0	0	0	2	5	3	0
6/20/14	32	*	9	0	8	0	*	0	*	*
5/31/13	35	*	8	3	3	3	5	7	4	*
6/10/12	35	*	8	4	*	2	*	5	*	*
6/13/11	36	*	6	4	*	2	*	6	*	*
6/28/10	36	*	10	*	*	4	*	*	*	*
6/24/09	32	3	10	4	3	5	*	9	*	*
7/3/08	17	3	10	6	4	4	*	6	*	*
6/29/07	22	4	10	5	5	4	*	7	*	*
7/5/06	24	4	11	5	4	8	*	13	*	*
6/26/05	20	4	10	*	*	9	*	11	*	*
6/18/04	21	4	10	6	*	7	*	10	*	*
6/18/03	25	*	16	4	5	9	*	14	*	*
6/26/02	23	*	17	9	8	13	*	17	*	*
6/6/01	15	*	15	10	6	9	*	10	*	*
6/29/00	18	*	15	11	4	9	*	12	*	*
6/11/99	9	*	18	11	4	8	*	8	*	*
6/23/98	12	*	14	15	5	10	*	8	*	*
6/22/97	15	*	15	12	3	14	*	8	*	*
5/22/96	13	*	15	14	3	16	*	8	*	2
6/15/95	11	*	15	9	2	7	*	3	*	2
6/8/94	13	*	18	18	3	11	*	7	*	3
6/9/93	21	*	15	13	5	16	*	8	*	4
5/14/92	22	*	17	9	5	22	*	9	*	4
5/17/91	18	*	20	3	11	22	*	9	*	5
5/22/90	13	*	19	2	7	38	*	7	*	4
6/11/89	13	*	19	1	7	34	*	8	*	4
4/10/88	12	*	19	1	11	32	*	6	*	4
4/13/87	14	*	22	1	9	30	*	8	*	4
4/20/86	11	*	24	2	6	28	*	5	*	3
5/26/85	9	*	25	1	10	18	*	5	*	4
5/27/84	14	*	27	1	14	18	*	4	*	6
5/22/83	13	*	25	1	8	18	*	3	*	5
5/23/82	22	*	27	1	10	20	*	4	*	6
5/17/81	12	*	23	*	11	15	*	5	*	11
5/8/80	10	*	26	*	6	14	*	7	*	10
5/7/79	12	*	24	*	10	13	*	4	*	9
5/1/78	13	*	25	*	9	13	*	5	*	13
5/2/77	12	*	26	*	11	7	*	5	*	13
4/25/76	14	*	22	*	11	11	*	5	*	15
6/30/75	14	*	23	*	11	9	*	10	*	15
5/12/74	13	*	23	*	11	13	*	6	*	16
1973	16	*	22	*	13	10	*	9	*	18
1972	19	*	23	*	*	4	*	10	*	18
1971	23	*	14	*	*	12	*	*	*	21
1970	17	*	18	*	12	11	*	*	*	17
1969	14	*	26	*	17	*	*	*	*	13

^2015 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

*Issue not identified or results not published.

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

	A-B NET	A	B	C	D	Fail	No opinion
5/21/17	49	15	34	24	11	6	10
5/10/16	48	13	35	28	10	7	7
5/2015^	51	13	38	31	9	4	4
6/20/14	50	12	38	31	11	6	1
5/31/13	53	13	40	29	11	4	3
6/10/12	48	12	36	31	13	4	4
6/13/11	51	14	37	32	11	5	2
6/28/10	49	11	38	33	11	5	2
6/24/09	51	10	41	32	11	3	3
7/3/08	46	12	34	30	11	5	8
6/29/07	45	9	36	34	14	5	2
7/5/06	49	13	36	32	9	5	5
6/26/05	48	12	36	29	9	5	9
6/18/04	47	13	34	33	10	4	6
6/18/03	48	11	37	31	10	5	6
6/26/02	47	10	37	34	10	3	6
6/6/01	51	11	40	30	8	5	6
6/29/00	47	11	36	35	8	3	7
6/11/99	49	11	38	31	9	5	6
6/23/98	46	10	36	31	9	5	9
6/22/97	46	10	36	32	11	6	5
5/22/96	43	8	35	34	11	6	6
6/15/95	41	8	33	37	12	5	5
6/8/94	44	9	35	30	14	7	5
6/9/93	47	10	37	31	11	4	7
5/14/92	40	9	31	33	12	5	10
5/17/91	42	10	32	33	10	5	10
5/22/90	41	8	33	34	12	5	8
6/11/89	43	8	35	33	11	4	9
4/10/88	40	9	31	34	10	4	12
4/13/87	43	12	31	30	9	4	14
4/20/86	41	11	30	28	11	5	15
5/26/85	43	9	34	30	10	4	13
5/27/84	42	10	32	35	11	4	8
5/22/83	31	6	25	32	13	7	17
5/23/82	37	8	29	33	14	5	11
5/17/81	36	9	27	34	13	7	10
5/8/80	35	10	25	29	12	6	18
5/7/79	34	8	26	30	11	7	18
5/1/78	36	9	27	30	11	8	15
5/2/77	37	11	26	28	11	5	19
4/25/76	42	13	29	28	10	6	14
6/30/75	43	13	30	28	9	7	13
5/12/74	48	18	30	21	6	5	20

^2015 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

3. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give the public schools nationally - A, B, C, D, or fail?

	A-B						
	NET	A	B	C	D	Fail	No opinion
5/21/17	24	4	20	41	16	7	13
5/10/16	24	4	20	41	20	7	8
5/2015^	21	3	18	50	19	7	3
6/20/14	17	1	16	51	19	10	3
5/31/13	19	1	18	53	19	6	3
6/10/12	19	1	18	47	23	7	4
6/13/11	17	1	16	51	23	7	3
6/28/10	18	1	17	53	20	6	3
6/24/09	19	1	18	55	19	6	1
7/3/08	22	3	19	44	13	5	16
6/29/07	16	2	14	57	18	5	4
7/5/06	21	2	19	51	14	3	11
6/26/05	24	2	22	46	13	4	13
6/18/04	26	2	24	45	13	4	12
6/18/03	26	2	24	52	12	3	7
6/26/02	24	2	22	47	13	3	13
6/6/01	23	2	21	51	14	5	7
6/29/00	20	2	18	47	14	5	14
6/11/99	24	2	22	46	16	4	10
6/23/98	18	1	17	49	15	5	13
6/22/97	22	2	20	48	15	6	9
5/22/96	21	1	20	46	18	5	10
6/15/95	20	2	18	50	17	4	9
6/8/94	22	2	20	49	17	6	6
6/9/93	19	2	17	48	17	4	12
5/14/92	18	2	16	48	18	4	12
5/17/91	21	2	19	47	13	5	14
5/22/90	21	2	19	49	16	4	12
6/11/89	22	2	20	47	15	4	10
4/10/88	23	3	20	48	13	3	13
4/13/87	26	4	22	44	11	2	17
4/20/86	28	3	25	41	10	5	16
5/26/85	27	3	24	43	12	3	15
5/27/84	25	2	23	49	11	4	11
5/22/83	19	2	17	38	16	6	21
5/23/82	22	2	20	44	15	4	15
5/17/81	20	2	18	43	15	6	16

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4. [IF HAS CHILD IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL, S1 and S4; IF HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD INSERT "OLDEST", S2a] Using the A, B, C, D, fail scale again, what grade would you give the school your (oldest) child attends?

	A-B						
	NET	A	B	C	D	Fail	No opinion
5/21/17	72	35	37	16	6	4	3
5/21/17 PS	71	33	38	16	6	4	3
5/10/16	70	30	41	20	4	5	1
5/10/16 PS	69	28	41	21	4	5	1
5/2015	72	28	44	22	4	2	*
6/20/14 PS	67	27	40	14	14	5	0

5/31/13 PS	71	36	35	23	4	1	0
6/10/12 PS	77	37	40	16	6	0	1
6/13/11	79	37	42	17	3	1	2
6/13/11 PS	75	33	43	20	3	1	0
6/28/10	77	36	41	18	5	1	1
6/28/10 PS	74	31	43	21	5	1	1
6/24/09	74	31	43	17	6	2	1
6/24/09 PS	73	27	46	19	6	2	1
7/3/08	72	30	42	14	5	4	5
7/3/08 PS	68	25	42	16	6	5	5
6/29/07 PS	67	19	48	24	5	3	1
7/5/06 PS	64	26	38	24	5	4	3
6/26/05 PS	69	31	38	21	6	4	0
6/18/04 PS	70	24	46	16	8	4	2
6/18/03 PS	68	29	39	20	8	4	0
6/26/02 PS	71	27	44	20	6	2	1
6/6/01 PS	68	28	40	22	6	3	1
6/29/00 PS	70	26	44	21	5	2	2
6/11/99 PS	66	24	42	21	7	5	1
6/23/98 PS	62	22	40	25	8	3	2
6/22/97 PS	64	26	38	23	7	4	2
5/22/96 PS	66	23	43	22	6	5	1
6/15/95 PS	65	27	38	23	8	3	1
6/8/94 PS	70	28	42	22	6	1	1
6/9/93 PS	72	27	45	18	5	2	3
5/14/92 PS	64	22	42	24	6	4	2
5/17/91 PS	73	29	44	21	2	4	0
5/22/90 PS	72	27	45	19	5	2	2
6/11/89 PS	71	25	46	19	5	1	4
4/10/88 PS	70	22	48	22	3	2	3
4/13/87 PS	69	28	41	20	5	2	4
4/20/86 PS	65	28	37	26	4	2	3
5/26/85 PS	71	23	48	19	5	2	3

PS = asked of public school parents only

5. [ASK IF HAS A CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S1] ([IF HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD, S2a] Thinking about your ([IF HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S3] oldest) child in public school), For statistical purposes only, what grade is this child in?

	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	No grade	No opinion
5/21/17	19	17	21	39	2	2

6. [ASK IF HAS A CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S1] Is this child a (girl) or a (boy)?

	Girl	Boy	No opinion
5/21/17	49	50	1

7. For each item I name please tell me how important it is in school quality - extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all. First is/How about (ITEM)?

5/21/17 - Summary Table

- More important - Some- --- Less important -- No

	NET	Extr.	Very	what	NET	Not so	At all	op.
a. How well students do on standardized tests	42	13	29	31	24	18	6	4
b. How well the school helps students learn skills like being cooperative, respectful of others and persistent at solving problems	82	39	43	12	4	2	1	3
c. Having advanced academic classes	76	32	45	19	2	2	*	2
d. Having art and music classes	71	30	41	23	5	3	2	1
e. Having extracurricular activities	70	27	42	25	4	2	1	2
f. Having technology and engineering classes to help students prepare for careers in those fields	82	37	44	15	2	2	1	1

8. [ASK IF SAID "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT" TO MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN Q7] You said the following items are extremely important in school quality. Which one of those is the single most important?

Netted with those who said only one thing is "extremely important."

	5/21/17
How well students do on standardized tests	6
How well the school helps students learn other skills	35
Having advanced academic classes	14
Having art and music classes	11
Having extracurricular activities	7
Having technology and engineering classes	25
No opinion	2

9. As far as you are aware, how good a job does your state do when it evaluates the quality of public schools in your community - does it do this very well, somewhat well, somewhat poorly, or very poorly?

	----- Well -----			----- Poorly -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
5/21/17	57	14	43	30	21	9	13

10. On another subject, do you favor or oppose allowing students and parents to choose a private school to attend at public expense?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
5/21/17	39	52	9
5/2015^	31	57	12
6/20/2014	37	63	0
5/31/2013	29	70	1
6/10/2012	44	55	1
6/13/2011	34	65	1
7/3/2008	44	50	6

6/29/2007	39	60	1
7/5/2006	36	60	4
6/26/2005	38	57	5
6/18/2004	42	54	4
6/18/2003	38	60	2
6/26/2002	46	52	2
6/6/2001	34	62	4
6/29/2000	39	56	5
6/11/1999	41	55	4
6/23/1998	44	50	6
6/22/1997	44	52	4
5/22/1996	36	61	3
6/15/1995	33	65	2
6/9/1993	24	74	2

^2015 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

11. Do you think public high schools should or should not offer job or career skills classes, if it means that those students spend less time in academic classes?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
5/21/17	82	13	5

12. Do you think public high schools in your community should offer (more) job or career skills classes than they do now, (fewer) such classes, or do they offer about the right amount of them?

	More	Fewer	Right amount	No opinion
5/21/17	51	4	30	15

13. Do you think public high schools in your community should or should not offer programs in which students can earn a certificate or license that qualifies them for employment in a specific field? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Feel they should ---			-- Feel they shouldn't --			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/21/17	86	60	26	11	7	4	3

14. [ASK IF HAS A CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S1] What do you think your ([IF HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S3] oldest) child in public school is most likely to do after high school - (go to college full time), (look for a full-time job), look for part-time work and study part time, or something else?

	College	Job	Both part-time	Other	Military (vol.)	No opinion
5/21/17	61	7	22	5	1	5

15. [ASK IF CHILD WILL GO TO COLLEGE FULL-TIME, Q14] Do you think that will be a four-year college, a two-year community college, or a vocational-technical school?

	Four-year	Two-year	Vocational	2-yr then 4-yr (vol.)	Depends	Other	No op.
5/21/17	77	12	6	1	2	*	2

Q14/15 NET - THOSE WHO EXPECT CHILD TO GO TO COLLEGE FULL-TIME:

----- Attend college after high school -----								
	NET	Four-year	Two-year	Voc.	2- then 4-yr	Dep.	Other	No op.
5/21/17	61	47	7	4	*	1	*	1

16. [ASK IF CHILD WILL WORK PART-TIME AND STUDY PART-TIME, Q14] Do you think (s/he) will study at a four-year college, a two-year community college, a vocational-technical school, or something else?

	Four-year	Two-year	Vocational	2-yr then 4-yr (vol.)	Depends	Other	No op.
5/21/17	34	34	14	2	2	*	14

17. [ASK IF HAS CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S1] Which would you prefer this child to do - (go to college full time), (look for a full-time job), look for part-time work and study part time, or something else?

	College	Job	Both part-time	College FT and job PT	Military service	Other	No op.
5/21/17	61	7	22	*	1	6	3

18. [ASK IF HAS CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S1] Thinking of the standardized tests your ([IF HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S3] oldest) child in public school takes - how confident are you that these tests do a good job measuring how well your child is learning? Are you very confident of that, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident ---			----- Less confident -----			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	No opinion
5/21/17	58	19	39	39	20	19	2

19. [ASK IF HAS CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S1] Do you think that standardized tests do or do not measure the things about your ([IF HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S3] oldest) child's public school education that are most important to you personally? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	--- Feel that they do ---			-- Feel that they don't --			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
5/21/17	46	17	29	49	21	28	5

20. In addition to being assessed on their academic performance, do you think students should or should not also be assessed on skills such as being cooperative, respectful of others and persistent at solving problems?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
5/21/17	84	14	3

21. How confident are you that standardized tests can do a good job measuring how well students have developed skills such as being cooperative, respectful of others and persistent at solving problems - are you very confident that standardized tests can do

a good job measuring these things, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident --			----- Less confident ----			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	No opinion
5/21/17	39	11	28	57	27	30	4

22. In addition to being held accountable for student test scores on academic skills, do you think public schools should or should not also be held accountable for student test scores on these other skills?

	Should	Should not	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/21/17	66	28	1	5

23. [ASK IF PARENT OF A SCHOOL-AGE CHILD, S1 AND S2] I have a question about four types of schools. One is (traditional public schools). Another is (charter schools, which are publicly funded but run outside of the public school system). The third is (parochial or religious schools). And the fourth is (private schools). Imagine you could send ([IF ONE CHILD, S2a] your child/[IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD, S2a] a child of yours) to any one of these four kinds of schools, and cost and location were not an issue. All things equal, which would you pick...?

	Public	Charter	Religious	Private	No opinion
5/21/17	34	17	14	31	4

Among public school parents:

	Public	Charter	Religious	Private	No opinion
5/21/17	35	14	14	31	5

24. [ASK IF HAS CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S1] As far as you are aware, are there any (ITEM) in your community where your child could go, or not? How about (NEXT ITEM)?

5/21/17 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Charter schools	52	31	17
b. Religious schools	73	18	8
c. Private schools	64	25	11

25. I have a question about how public funds for education should be spent. Some people say (public funds should be used only to pay for public schools that offer tuition-free education for all students). Others say (parents should be able to direct some public funds to any school their child attends, whether public, [private] or [religious]. This would cover the full cost of public school, or the partial cost of [private] or [religious] school). Which of these do you prefer...?

	Public schools only	Any school	No opinion
5/21/17	61	34	5

26. [ASK IF WOULD ALLOW FUNDS TO GO TO ANY SCHOOL, Q25] Some say this would (improve public schools by making them more competitive). Others say this would (hurt public schools by reducing their funding). Given those views, which do you prefer...?

	Public schools only	Any school	No opinion
5/21/17	18	76	6

Q25/26 NET - THOSE WHO SAY FUNDS SHOULD ONLY GO TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

	NET	Regardless	Once conditions proposed
5/21/17	67	61	6

27. Say parents in your community could use public funds to send their children to either public, (private) or (religious) schools. Public schools would receive funding only for students who continue to attend them. Do you think this would make your local public schools better, make them worse, or make no difference in their quality? [IF BETTER/WORSE] Is that much or somewhat better/worse?

	----- Better -----			----- Worse -----			No diff.	No opinion
	NET	Much	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Much		
5/21/17	34	13	21	21	9	12	37	9

28. [ASK IF HAS CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S1] If you were offered public funds to send your ([IF ONE CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S3] child/[IF 2+ CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S3] children) in public school to (private) or (religious) school instead, do you think you probably would keep them in public school, or would you probably send them to a (private school) or to a (religious school)?

	Public	Religious	Private	Depends (vol.)	None avail. (vol.)	No opinion
5/21/17	54	12	28	*	*	6

29. [ASK IF WOULD SEND CHILD TO PRIVATE/RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Q28] What if the money this program made available paid no more than half of the private or religious school tuition, and you had to make up the rest - in that case do you think you probably would keep your ([IF ONE CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, S3] child/[IF 2+ CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL] children) in public school, or would you probably send them to a (private) or (religious) school?

	Keep in public school	Send to private/religious school	No opinion
5/21/17	45	52	2

Q28/29 NET:

	Public	NET	Private/Religious	Send No op.	Depends on cost	No school available	No op.
			Keep in public school	regardless			
5/21/17	54	39	18	21	1	*	6

Q28/29 NET - THOSE WHO WOULD SEND THEIR CHILD TO PUBLIC SCHOOL:

----- Would send child to public school -----
NET Regardless If paid ≤1/2 private tuition
5/21/17 72 54 18

30. [ASK IF PARENT, S1 AND S2] How important is it to you that the public schools in your community have a mix of students from different (ITEM) - is this extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all? What about (NEXT ITEM)?

5/21/17 - Summary Tables

a. Racial and ethnic backgrounds

	--- More important ---				----- Less important ----			
	NET	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	No opinion
All	55	28	27	18	22	11	11	5
Whites	48	27	21	22	25	13	12	5
Nonwhites	64	28	36	14	18	9	10	3

b. Economic backgrounds

	--- More important ---				----- Less important ----			
	NET	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	No opinion
All	45	26	19	27	24	12	12	4
<50K	50	27	23	23	23	9	14	4
50-100K	46	28	18	26	25	9	16	3
100K+	37	22	15	36	23	17	6	4

31a. [ASK IF PARENT, S1 AND S2] Do you think having a mix of students from different racial and ethnic backgrounds makes the learning environment better, worse or the same for (ITEM)? How about for (NEXT ITEM)?

5/21/17 - Summary Tables

a. White students

	Better	Worse	The same	No opinion
All	51	5	38	6
Whites	51	4	40	5
Nonwhites	50	5	38	7

b. Black and Hispanic students

	Better	Worse	The same	No opinion
All	55	4	37	5
Whites	55	2	38	4
Nonwhites	54	5	36	5

31b. [ASK IF PARENT, S1 AND S2] Do you think having a mix of students from different economic backgrounds makes the learning environment better, worse or the same for (ITEM)? How about for (NEXT ITEM)?

5/21/17 - Summary Tables

a. Students from poor families

	Better	Worse	The same	No opinion
All	48	8	39	5
<50K	39	6	50	5
50-100K	53	10	32	5
100K+	60	10	26	4

b. Students from middle-income families

	Better	Worse	The same	No opinion
All	41	5	50	4
<50K	35	3	57	5
50-100K	46	6	43	4
100K+	51	4	43	2

c. Students from higher-income families

	Better	Worse	The same	No opinion
All	42	10	43	5
<50K	36	11	47	5
50-100K	45	10	38	6
100K+	51	9	38	2

32. [ASK IF PARENT, S1 AND S2] All else equal, would you rather have your child attend a school where (most of the students are of the same race) or where (the student body is racially diverse)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	-Prefer mostly same race-			-Prefer racially diverse-			Doesn't matter	No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
All	20	12	8	70	21	49	6	3
Whites	19	12	7	70	25	45	7	3
Nonwhites	21	11	10	71	18	53	5	4

33. [ASK IF WOULD RATHER HAVE CHILD ATTEND A SCHOOL THAT IS RACIALLY DIVERSE, Q32] What if your child had to commute farther than they do today to get to a more racially diverse school - would you prefer a (closer, but less diverse school) or a (farther away, but more diverse school)?

	Closer, less diverse	Farther away, more diverse	No opinion
All	57	36	7
Whites	61	32	6
Nonwhites	52	40	7

34. [ASK IF PARENT, S1 AND S2] All else equal, would you rather have your child attend a school where (most of the students are of the same economic background) or where (the student body is economically diverse)?

	-Prefer same econ. back.-			Prefer economic diversity			Doesn't matter	No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
All	27	17	10	61	25	36	7	5
<50K	29	21	8	59	23	36	6	6
50-100K	27	15	12	61	23	38	9	2
100K+	25	12	13	68	32	35	3	4

35. [ASK IF WOULD RATHER HAVE A CHILD ATTEND A SCHOOL THAT IS ECONOMICALLY DIVERSE, Q34] What if your child had to commute farther than they do today to get to a more economically diverse school - would you prefer a (closer, but less diverse school) or a (farther away, but more diverse school)?

	Closer, less diverse	Farther away, more diverse	No opinion
All	58	33	9
<50K	63	32	6
50-100K	51	36	13
100K+	62	32	6

36. [ASK IF PARENT, S1 AND S2] How diverse is your own community in terms of the (ITEM) of people living there? Would you say very diverse, somewhat diverse, not so diverse or not diverse at all?

5/21/17 - Summary Table

	NET	Very	Smwt	NET	Not so	At all	op.
a. Racial and ethnic backgrounds	77	31	45	21	15	6	2
b. Economic backgrounds	82	32	50	26	11	5	2

37. Some public schools may offer something called "wraparound" services that are intended to give students support to succeed at school. For each one I name, please tell me if you think this is something public schools should or should not provide to students who don't have access to the service somewhere else. First/How about (ITEM)? Do you feel strongly that this service should/should not be provided, or not strongly?

5/21/17 - Summary Table

	NET	Should Strongly	Not	NET	Should not Not	Strongly	No op.
a. Health services	79	66	14	18	8	10	3
b. Dental services	65	48	18	31	15	16	4
c. Mental health services	87	76	11	11	4	6	2
d. Afterschool programs	92	77	15	5	3	3	2

38. Do you think schools that provide these additional services are or are not justified in seeking additional public funds to pay for them?

	Justified	Not justified	No opinion
5/21/17	76	18	6

39. Say a public school has had failing test scores for a number of years. Who should make the decision on what to do about the problem: Should it be (the governor of the state), (the state education agency) or (the local school district)?

	Governor	State agency	Local district	No opinion
5/21/17	15	32	48	5

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