

# Teaching: Respect but dwindling appeal

**66%** of Americans say teachers are underpaid

**54%** of parents don't want their child to become a public school teacher

## Why not teaching?

- Crappy pay.
- It's dangerous being a teacher.
- Low salary, low social respect, and physically exhausting.
- The classes are too large, the pay is awful.
- Poor pay considering all the responsibilities and personal expenses involved.
- Overworked, underpaid, and underappreciated.
- Too much chaos in public schools.
- Teaching seems to be more of a thankless job these days.
- They are not paid well. In our community, a teacher has a hard time owning a home.
- Kids are mean.
- Low pay, too political.
- Too much disrespect.
- Too much bureaucracy.
- They would struggle to make ends meet.
- The income is not enough to raise a family.
- It's a thankless job.

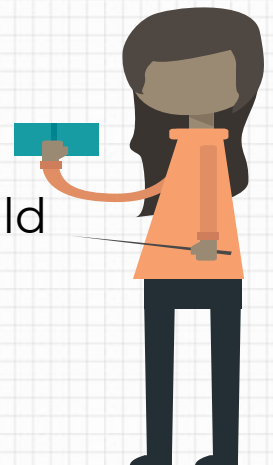
**61%**

of Americans have trust and confidence in public school teachers



**78%**

of public school parents would support teachers in their community if they went on strike for more pay



## Digging deeper

Southerners (78%) are more likely than residents in the Northeast (67%) to support a teacher strike for higher pay.

Source: PDK Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools, 2018. [pdkpoll.org](http://pdkpoll.org)