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## 2018 PDK Poll

### Appendix B: Topline data report

Unless otherwise noted, \* = <0.5 percent.

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

	5/21/18
Lack of money/financial support	26
Lack of discipline/Behavior of the children	10
Bullying	10
Teacher salaries	9
Overcrowded schools/classrooms	7
Poor curriculum	7
Concerns about standards/quality of education	5
Difficulty getting good teachers/quality teachers	5
Parents' lack of support/interest	5
Drugs in school	4
Family/home life/parenting	4
Safety/security	4
Fighting/violence/gangs	3
Not enough teachers	3
Shootings/gun violence/weapons	3
Mismanagement of funds	2
Testing/regulations	2
Integration/segregation/discrimination problems	2
Political correctness/liberal ideology	2
Leadership	1
Teacher unions	1
Student apathy/lack of interest	1
Lack of religion	1
Technology/social media	1
Special education	*
Government interference	*
Food (lack of food/poor quality/lack of nutrition)	*
Language barrier/non-English speaking students	*
Society/culture	*
Everything	*
No problems	1
No opinion	4
Other	9
Skipped	13

	Funding	Stdrds.	Discip.	Viol.	Teach. qual.	Drugs	Parents	Crowding	Testing	Racial
5/21/18	26	5	10	3	5	4	5	7	2	2
5/21/17+	23	10	7	6	8	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	*

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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
2/20/69	14	*	26	*	17	*	*	*	*	13

^2015 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

\*Issue not identified or results not published.

†Results adjusted from 2017 report due to minor coding inconsistencies.

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
5/21/18	43	10	33	38	11	8	*
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

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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
5/21/18	19	2	17	46	26	9	*
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

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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

^2015 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

4. [IF HAS CHILD IN SCHOOL] 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
5/21/18		70	30	40	22	5	3	*
5/21/18	PS	69	28	41	23	5	3	*
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

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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. [IF GRADE IS NOT "A" FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ONE'S COMMUNITY] Thinking again about the public schools in your own community, what would they have to do to earn an "A" grade from you? [OPEN-END, ALLOW UP TO 3 RESPONSES]

	5/21/18
Poor curriculum	21
Concerns about standards/ quality of education	15
Lack of money/financial support	12
Difficulty getting good/ high-quality teachers	11
Lack of discipline/ behavior of the children	7
Teacher salaries	5
Safety/security	5
Overcrowded schools/classrooms	5
Everything/a lot/many things	3
Testing/regulations	3
Parents' lack of support/interest	3
Bullying	3
Leadership	2
Not enough teachers	2
Mismanagement of funds	2
Drugs in school	1
Government interference	1
Integration/segregation/ discrimination problems	1
Student apathy/lack of interest	1
Political correctness/ liberal ideology	1
Lack of religion	1
Food (lack of food/poor quality/ lack of nutrition)	1
Teacher unions/advocacy	1
Family/home/childrearing	1
After school programs	1
Too much technology/social media	1
Fighting/violence/gangs	*
Language barrier/ non-English speaking students	*
Special Education	*
Shootings/gun violence/weapons	*
Other	14
No problems	1
No opinion	6
Skipped	15

6. Which approach do you think is preferable in order to improve public education in America? - (reforming the existing public school system) OR (finding an alternative to

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the existing public school system). Do you feel strongly or not strongly that (reforming the existing public school system/finding an alternative to the existing public school system) is preferable?

	- Reform the existing system -				----- Find an alternative -----				
	NET	Strongly	Not strongly	No op.	NET	Not strongly	Strongly	No op.	No opinion
5/21/18	78	55	22	*	22	6	15	*	1
6/29/07^	72	NA	NA	NA	26	NA	NA	NA	2
7/5/06	71				24				5
6/26/05	68				23				9
6/18/04	66				26				8
6/18/03	73				25				2
6/26/02	69				27				4
6/6/01	72				24				4
6/29/00	59				34				7
6/11/99	71				27				2
6/22/97	71	"	"	"	23	"	"	"	6

^2007 and previous, PDK/Gallup: "In order to improve public education in America, some people think the focus should be on reforming the existing public school system. Others believe the focus should be on finding an alternative to the existing public school system. Which approach do you think is preferable - reforming the existing public school system or finding an alternative to the existing public school system?"

7. Which approach do you think is preferable in order to improve public education in your own community? - (reforming the existing public school system) OR (finding an alternative to the existing public school system) Do you feel strongly or not strongly that (reforming the existing public school system/finding an alternative to the existing public school system) is preferable?

	- Reform the existing system -				----- Find an alternative -----				
	NET	Strongly	Not strongly	No op.	NET	Not strongly	Strongly	No op.	Skipped^
5/21/18	78	57	21	*	21	5	15	*	1

^Here and elsewhere, "skipped" refers to respondents who skipped the question or indicated that they preferred not to answer it.

8. [IF HAS CHILD IN SCHOOL] Thinking again about your [oldest] child in K-12, how well do [his/her/their] regular school hours work with your family's schedule?

	----- Well -----			----- Not well -----			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	At all	Skipped
5/21/18	92	49	44	7	6	1	*

9. [IF HAS CHILD IN GRADES 9-12] Would you prefer [his/her/their] regular school day to be (longer) than it is now, (shorter) than it is now, or kept the same length as it is now? Do not include clubs and other extracurricular activities.

	Longer	Shorter	Same length	Skipped
5/21/18	12	11	75	1

10. [IF HAS CHILD IN IN GRADES 9-12] About what time does [he/she/your child] start [his/her/their] regular school day? (Do not include clubs and other extracurricular activities.)

	7:00-7:45am	8:00-8:45am	9:00-9:45am	10:00am or later	Skipped
5/21/18	64	34	2	0	0

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11. [IF HAS CHILD IN GRADES 9-12] From your perspective, what would be the ideal time for [his/her/their] regular school day to start?

	7:00-7:45am	8:00-8:45am	9:00-9:45am	10:00am or later	Skipped
5/21/18	33	53	10	3	1

12. [IF HAS CHILD IN GRADES 9-12] About what time does [his/her/their] regular school day end? (Do not include clubs and other extracurricular activities.)

	Earlier than 1:00pm	1:00- 1:45pm	2:00- 2:45pm	3:00- 3:45pm	4:00- 4:45pm	5:00- 5:45pm	Skipped
5/21/18	1	2	54	38	4	0	0

13. [IF HAS CHILD IN GRADES 9-12] From your perspective, what would be the ideal time for [his/her/their] regular school day to end?

	Earlier than 1:00pm	1:00- 1:45pm	2:00- 2:45pm	3:00- 3:45pm	4:00- 4:45pm	5:00- 5:45pm	Skipped
5/21/18	1	2	33	47	13	3	1

14. [IF HAS CHILD IN GRADES 9-12] What do you think about these reasons for changing [his/her/their] school schedule?

5/21/18 - Summary Table

	Good reason to change	Not good reason	Skipped
a. [He/she/they] could get more sleep	63	34	3
b. It would work better with your work schedule	41	58	1
c. It allows for more time in the classroom	71	28	1

15. [IF HAS CHILD IN GRADES 9-12] What do you think about these reasons against changing [his/her/their] school schedule?

5/21/18 - Summary Table

	Good reason to keep	Not good reason	Skipped
a. [He/she/they] would have to spend more time on the bus	28	71	1
b. The district would have to spend more for bus service	32	66	2
c. It would interfere with before-school or after-school activities	41	58	1

16. Compared with public school students in well-off communities, do you think students in low-income communities have (more educational opportunities), (fewer educational opportunities) or the same educational opportunities?

	More	Fewer	Same	Skipped
5/21/18	5	75	20	*

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17. Compared with public school students in towns, suburbs, and cities, do you think students in rural areas have (more educational opportunities), (fewer educational opportunities) or the same educational opportunities?

	More	Fewer	Same	Skipped
5/21/18	13	53	33	*

18. Compared with white students, do you think...

5/21/18 - Summary Table

	More educ. opportunities	Fewer educ. opportunities	The same educ. opportunities	Skipped
a. Black students have...	7	41	51	*
b. Hispanic students have...	7	41	51	1
c. Asian students have...	17	13	70	1

19. Schools have certain expectations for their students. Compared with schools in well-off communities, do you think schools in low-income communities have (higher) expectations for their students, (lower) expectations, or are expectations the same?

	Higher	Lower	Same	Skipped
5/21/18	9	55	34	1

20. Compared with schools in towns, suburbs, and cities, do you think schools in rural areas have (higher) expectations for their students, (lower) expectations, or are expectations the same?

	Higher	Lower	Same	Skipped
5/21/18	14	30	56	*

21. Compared with white students, do you think schools have (higher) expectations, (lower) expectations, or are expectations the same for the following students?

5/21/18 - Summary Table

	Higher	Lower	Same	Skipped
a. Black students	3	50	46	1
b. Hispanic students	4	45	50	1
c. Asian students	37	10	53	1

22. Which approach to school spending do you prefer - (spend more money educating students who need extra support) OR (spend the same amount of money on each student regardless of his or her need for support)?

	Spend more	Spend same amount	Skipped
5/21/18	60	39	1

23. If schools were to spend more money on students who need extra support, which of these would you prefer - (spend less money on students with fewer needs) OR (raise more money for the schools through taxes)?

	Spend less	Raise taxes	Skipped
5/21/18	49	49	3



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24. Do you have trust and confidence in the men and women who are teaching children in the public schools?

	----- Yes, have confidence -----					No, do not have	No
	NET	Great deal	Good amt.	Just some	No op.	confidence	opinion
5/21/18	61	17	37	6	*	39	*
5/2015^	51	NA	NA	NA	NA	32	17
6/20/14	64					35	1
5/31/13	72					27	1
6/10/12	71					27	2
6/13/11	71					27	2
6/28/10	71	"	"	"		27	2

^2015 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

25. Would you like to have a child of yours take up teaching in the public schools as a career?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/21/18	46	54	1
6/20/14^	57	43	1
6/13/11	67	31	2
6/28/10	67	30	3
6/24/09	70	28	2
6/26/05	62	33	5
6/9/93	67	29	4
5/22/90	51	38	11
4/10/88	58	31	11
5/22/83	45	33	22
5/8/80	48	40	12
1972	67	22	11
2/20/69	75	15	10

\*2014 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

26. [IF WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE CHILD TAKE UP TEACHING] Why would you not like to have a child of yours take up teaching - what's the main reason? [OPEN-END, ALLOW ONE RESPONSE]

	5/21/18
Inadequate pay/benefits	29
Student behavior/lack of discipline	12
Thankless/not respected/not valued	6
Difficult/demanding/stressful job	4
Safety concerns	4
Lack of community/government	
/administrative support	3
Dead end job/better career options	3
Bureaucracy/government involvement	2
Liberal bias/ideology in schools	2
School politics/drama	2
Child not interested/	
better at something else	2
Lack of parent support	1
Teaching to the test	*
No children	3
Other	12
No opinion	1
Skipped	16

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27. Do you think salaries for teachers in your community are too high, too low, or just about right?

	Too high	Too low	Just about right	No opinion	Skipped
5/21/18	6	66	27	NA	1
5/2015^	5	58	23	14	NA
6/18/03	6	59	33	2	
5/22/90	5	50	31	14	
5/26/85	6	33	43	18	
5/27/84	7	37	41	15	
5/22/83	8	35	31	26	
5/17/81	10	29	41	20	
2/20/69	2	33	43	22	"

^2015 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

28. Imagine that the average starting salary for a public school teacher in your community was \$39,000 a year. Would you consider that (too high), (too low), or just about right?

	Too high	Too low	Just about right	Skipped
5/21/18	4	65	31	*

29. If public school teachers in your community went out on strike for higher pay, would you (support) them or (oppose) them?

	-----Support-----			-----Oppose-----			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	Skipped
5/21/18	73	33	40	27	17	10	*

30. [IF HAS CHILD IN SCHOOL] Thinking again about your [oldest] child in K-12, when [he is/she is/they are] at school, do you fear for [his/her/their] physical safety?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/21/18	34	65	*
5/31/13^	12	88	0
6/23/98	36	63	1
5/2/77	25	69	6

^2013 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

31. [IF HAS CHILD IN SCHOOL] How confident are you that there is sufficient security against a shooting attack at [his/her/their] school?

	----More confident----			Somewhat	-----Less confident-----			
	NET	Extremely	Very	confident	NET	Not so	Not at all	Skipped
5/21/18	27	7	21	41	31	20	11	*

32. [IF HAS CHILD IN SCHOOL] Would or do you support or oppose the following at [his/her/their] school?

5/21/18 - Summary Table

	---- Support ----			---- Oppose ----			
	NET	Strgly	Smwt	NET	Smwt	Strgly	Skip
a. Having one or more armed police officers on duty whenever school is in session	80	48	32	19	14	5	1
b. Having metal detectors at all school							

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entrances	74	39	35	25	18	7	1
c. Allowing teachers or other school staff to carry guns in school	37	13	24	63	18	45	1
d. Screening all students for mental health problems	76	39	38	23	17	6	1

33. [IF HAS CHILD IN SCHOOL] Some programs require teachers or school staff to undergo special training in order to be permitted to carry a gun at school. An example is 80 hours of training in the use of force, weapons proficiency, legal issues, and first aid; and approval by the school board and local law enforcement. If these conditions were in place, would you support or oppose allowing teachers and other school staff to carry guns in school?

	-----Support-----			-----Oppose-----			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	Skipped
5/21/18	49	20	29	50	17	33	1

34. [IF SUPPORT ALLOWING TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF TO CARRY GUNS] Would you support or oppose paying a bonus to teachers and other school staff who carry guns in school?

	-----Support-----			-----Oppose-----			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	Skipped
5/21/18	66	25	41	33	25	8	1

35. [IF HAS CHILD IN SCHOOL] Would you prefer to have your [oldest] child (in K-12) in a classroom with a teacher who (carries) a gun or in a classroom with a teacher who (does not carry) a gun?

	Teacher who carries a gun	Teacher who does not carry a gun	Skipped
5/21/18	31	67	2

36. [IF HAS CHILD IN SCHOOL] If you knew that teachers or other school staff at [his/her/their] school carried guns during the school day, would you feel that [he was/she was/they were] (more) safe, (less) safe, or about the same?

	More safe	Less safe	About the same	Skipped
5/21/18	26	36	37	1

37. If you had to choose, which of these would you rather have schools spend money on - (mental health services for students) OR (armed guards in school)

	Mental health services for students	Armed guards in school	Skipped
5/21/18	76	23	*

38. As you look on your own elementary and high school education, is it your impression that children today get a better or worse education than you did? Do you think the education that students get today is much (better/worse) than your own elementary and high school education, or somewhat (better/worse)?

	-----Better-----				About the same	-----Worse-----				No op.
	NET	Much	Somewhat	No op.		NET	Somewhat	Much	No op.	
5/21/18	44	16	28	*	*	55	37	18	*	*
6/24/09*	41	NA	NA	NA	8	50	NA	NA	NA	1

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6/23/98	41			8	48				3
4/10/88	48			11	35				6
5/7/79	41			9	42				8
5/13/73	61	"	"	11	20	"	"	"	8

\*2009 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

39. Compared with the schools you attended, do you think the public schools in your community today are better or worse at each of the following?

5/21/18 - Summary Table

	----- Better ----			----- Worse -----			
	NET	Much	Somewht	NET	Somewht	Much	Skip
a. Providing a high-quality education for students of all abilities and backgrounds	55	10	46	43	32	11	1
b. Preparing students for work	41	6	34	58	39	20	1
c. Preparing students for college	57	13	44	42	31	11	1
d. Encouraging critical thinking and creativity	52	9	43	47	32	15	1
e. Ensuring that students know facts and figures	43	6	36	56	39	17	1
f. Developing students' interpersonal skills and ability to work well with others	44	7	37	55	38	17	1
g. Ensuring that all students are treated with respect	51	8	43	48	35	13	1

40. In general, how well do you think each of the following prepares someone for a good-paying job in today's economy?

5/21/18 - Summary Table

	---- More well ---			-----Less well-----			
	NET	Very	Somewht	NET	Not so	At all	Skp
a. A two-year degree from a community college	61	9	53	37	31	6	1
b. A four-year degree from a college or university	82	22	60	17	13	4	1
c. A master's degree	85	44	41	15	12	3	1
d. A Ph.D. degree	83	49	34	17	13	4	*

41. Which comes closer to your view - (a four-year college degree is a key to future success) OR (a four-year college degree is not worth the cost)?

	Key to future success	Not worth the cost	Skipped
5/21/18	61	38	1

42. Political leaders are discussing a proposal that community college should be free for students. Do you favor or oppose this idea?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
5/21/18	75	25	*
5/2015^	58	34	8

^PDK/Gallup poll

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43. Would you support or oppose increasing federal funding to help students pay for four-year college tuition?

	Support	Oppose	Skipped
5/21/18	68	32	1

44. [IF HAS SCHOOL-AGE CHILD] How likely do you think it is that you or your family will be able to pay for college for your [oldest] child in K-12?

	-----Likely-----			-----Not likely-----			No	
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	At all	opinion	Skipped
5/21/18	54	19	35	46	30	16	NA	*
5/2015^	54	21	33	45	26	19	1	NA
6/20/14	69	28	41	31	12	19	*	
6/28/10	77	36	41	23	16	7	*	
7/3/08	70	35	35	27	16	11	3	
6/15/95	69	30	39	29	17	12	2	"

^2015 and previous PDK/Gallup polls, NET results are estimates.

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