

The Questions

1. 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?
2. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give the public schools nationally?
3. Do you have any children who were in grades K-12 in the past school year? (Check all that apply)
 - Public school
 - Private school
 - Religious or parochial school
 - Home-schooled
 - No children in K-12
4. [If respondent has a child in public school] Using the A, B, C, D, Fail scale again, what grade would you give the public school your child attends? (If you have more than one child in public school, please answer about the oldest child.)
5. Would you like a child of yours to become a public school teacher in your community, or not?
6. [If respondent would not like child to become a teacher] Why would you not like a child of yours to become a public school teacher in your community — what's the main reason?
7. Overall, how much trust and confidence do you have in the public school teachers in your community?
8. How much trust and confidence do you have in your child's public school teacher (for public school parents)/ your community's public school teachers (for non-public school parents) to handle each of these subjects appropriately? (If you have more than one child in public school, please answer about the oldest child.)
 - a. U.S. history
 - b. How the history of racism affects America today
 - c. Issues related to gender and sexuality
 - d. Racial and ethnic diversity in society
 - e. Students' social and emotional growth
 - f. Civics (citizenship, democracy, the role of government in society)
 - g. Media literacy/being informed consumers of news and information
9. On another topic, would or do you support or oppose the following at your child's public school (for public school parents)/your local public schools (for non-public school parents)? (If you have more than one child in public school, please answer about the oldest child.)
 - a. Having one or more armed police officers on duty whenever school is in session
 - b. Having metal detectors at all school entrances
 - c. Allowing teachers or other school staff to carry guns in school
 - d. Screening all students for mental health problems