

2024 PDK Poll: Topline data

* in columns = <0.5%

1. Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden is handling education policy?

	Approve			Disapprove			Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/1/24							
All	45	13	32	50	21	30	4
PS parents	44	13	31	50	26	24	6
3/23/20*							
All	45	18	27	53	20	34	2
PS parents	46	16	30	53	24	29	2

*For comparison; "Donald Trump"

2. Thinking ahead to the election in November, how important is the issue of public education in your vote for president?

	More important			Less important			Skipped
	NET	Extremely	Very	NET	Somewhat	Not	
7/1/24							
All	54	25	29	44	32	12	2
PS parents	70	31	39	29	25	4	1
3/23/20							
All	59	24	35	41	31	10	1
PS parents	70	32	38	30	24	6	0

3. Regardless of whom you support, which candidate for president do you trust to do a better job handling education policy?

	Joe Biden	Donald Trump	Someone else	Both equally	Neither	Skipped
7/1/24						
All	36	31	3	2	25	2
PS parents	30	33	3	3	28	3

(Biden and Trump rotated)

4. Regardless of who wins the presidential election, compared with the current level of focus would you like to see the administration in Washington focus more or focus less on each of these?

a. College affordability

	Focus more			Same focus as now	Focus less			Skipped
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less	
7/1/24								
All	70	37	33	17	11	7	4	2
PS parents	74	38	36	16	7	3	4	3
3/23/20								
All	77	44	33	18	5	3	2	*
PS parents	80	49	31	15	5	4	1	0

b. Expansion of charter schools, which are public schools that are run without many of the state regulations placed on other public schools

	Focus more			Same focus as now	Focus less			Skipped
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less	
7/1/24								
All	35	15	20	34	30	18	12	2
PS parents	38	15	23	30	29	20	9	2
3/23/20								
All	38	16	22	33	29	17	12	*
PS parents	46	24	23	29	25	18	7	0

c. Efforts to attract and retain good teachers

	Focus more			Same focus as now	Focus less			Skipped
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less	
7/1/24								
All	81	41	40	14	3	2	1	1
PS parents	84	46	37	12	3	1	2	1
3/23/20								
All	85	44	41	13	2	1	*	*
PS parents	86	45	41	12	1	1	0	0

d. The availability of public school pre-K programs

	Focus more			Same focus as now	Focus less			Skipped
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less	
7/1/24								
All	56	21	34	33	9	5	4	2
PS parents	67	30	38	25	6	3	3	2
3/23/20								
All	61	25	35	32	7	4	3	*
PS parents	68	28	40	27	5	2	3	0

e. Protecting students from discrimination in their schools

	Focus more			Same focus as now	Focus less			Skipped
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less	
7/1/24								
All	58	28	30	28	11	7	5	2
PS parents	62	36	26	26	11	5	5	2
3/23/20								
All	68	36	32	25	7	5	2	*
PS parents	65	35	31	29	6	3	3	0

f. Addressing student mental health

	Focus more			Same focus as now	Focus less			Skipped
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less	
7/1/24								
All	73	36	36	19	7	4	3	2
PS parents	74	44	30	15	9	6	3	2

g. Preparing students to enter the workforce

	Focus more			Same focus as now	Focus less			Skipped
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less	
7/1/24								
All	84	47	37	12	3	1	1	1
PS parents	83	50	33	12	2	2	*	2

h. Providing extra help to students who have fallen behind academically

	Focus more			Same focus as now	Focus less			Skipped
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less	
7/1/24								
All	72	32	40	22	4	2	2	2
PS parents	76	36	40	18	4	2	1	2

5. Overall, which kind of candidate for political office are you most likely to support?

One who supports...

	Increased funding for public schools	Decreased funding for public schools	Maintaining the current level of funding for public schools	Skipped
7/1/24				
All	61	8	29	3
PS parents	71	5	21	3
4/26/19				
All	63	5	30	3
Parents of a child in grades K-12 in any school	66	7	25	3
Teachers	85	2	12	1

6. Would you like to have a child of yours take up teaching in the public schools as a career? (If you don't have a child, please answer as if you did.)

	Yes	No	No opinion
7/1/24			
All	40	60	1
PS parents	43	57	0
5/21/18			
All	46	54	1
PS parents	50	50	*
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
4/23/72	67	22	11
2/20/69	75	15	10

^2014 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

Compare to:

Would you like a child of yours to become a public school teacher in your community, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/25/22			
All	37	62	1
PS parents	41	59	*

7. [IF NO in Q6] Why would you not like a child of yours to take up teaching in the public schools – which one of these is the main reason?

	All	PS parents
7/1/24		
The pay and benefits are inadequate	33	47
I'm concerned about student behavior/lack of discipline	27	15
The job is thankless, not respected, or not valued	17	12
The job is too difficult, demanding, or stressful	9	14
I'm concerned about school safety and security	13	12
Skipped	1	0

Compare to:

[IF 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?

	All	PS parents
6/25/22		
Inadequate pay/benefits	29	38
Difficult/demanding/stressful job	26	25
Thankless job/not respected or valued	23	16
Other (please write in) NET	21	22
Don't like what's being taught at schools/political indoctrination	3	2
No children	3	0
Child is not interested/pursuing another career	3	4
All of the above	1	4
Unsafe/dangerous/school shootings	1	0
Teachers' unions	1	1
Other	9	11
Skipped	*	0

[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]

	All	PS parents
5/21/18		
Inadequate pay/benefits	29	44
Student behavior/lack of discipline	12	7
Thankless/not respected/not valued	6	3
Difficult/demanding/stressful job	4	3
Safety concerns	4	2
Lack of community/government/administrative support	3	2
Dead end job/better career options	3	4
Bureaucracy/government involvement	2	1
Liberal bias/ideology in schools	2	1
School politics/drama	2	1
Child not interested/better at something else	2	6
Lack of parent support	1	1
Teaching to the test	*	2
No children	3	*
Other	12	7
No opinion	1	0
Skipped	16	17

8. Also on the subject of education, given what you know about it, do you support or oppose these uses of artificial intelligence (AI) in education?

a. To prepare lesson plans for teachers to review and use

	Support			Oppose			Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Not strongly	NET	Not strongly	Strongly	
7/1/24							
All	62	12	50	36	24	12	2
PS parents	66	18	48	32	17	15	2

b. To tutor students via interactive computer applications

	Support			Oppose			Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Not strongly	NET	Not strongly	Strongly	
7/1/24							
All	65	13	52	33	22	11	2
PS parents	66	16	50	33	21	12	2

c. To have students practice taking standardized tests

	Support			Oppose			Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Not strongly	NET	Not strongly	Strongly	
7/1/24							
All	64	12	52	34	24	11	2
PS parents	63	15	49	35	23	12	2

d. For students to use in preparing their homework

	Support			Oppose			Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Not strongly	NET	Not strongly	Strongly	
7/1/24							
All	43	9	34	55	37	18	2
PS parents	50	17	33	49	30	19	2

9. Since last September, which of the following, if any, have you yourself done?

a. Attended a school board meeting

	Have done	Have not done	Skipped
7/1/24			
All	9	91	1
PS parents	22	76	2
6/8/94			
All	16	84*	NA
PS parents	27	73	NA
5/17/91			
All	7	93	NA
PS parents	13	87	NA
5/22/83			
All	8	92	NA
PS parents	16	84	NA

*For 1994, 1991 and 1983, "have not done" is estimated as 100 minus "have done."

b. Attended a P.T.A. (Parent/Teacher Association) meeting

	Have done	Have not done	Skipped
7/1/24			
All	13	87	1
PS parents	38	61	1
6/8/94			
All	21	79*	NA
PS parents	49	51	NA
5/17/91			
All	14	86	NA
PS parents	38	62	NA
5/22/83			
All	14	85	NA
PS parents	36	64	NA

*For 1994, 1991 and 1983, "have not done" is estimated as 100 minus "have done."

c. Attended a school event (i.e., sports, performing arts, ceremonies, community nights)

	Have done	Have not done	Skipped
7/1/24			
All	41	59	*
PS parents	82	17	1

d. Donated money or supplies to your local public school

	Have done	Have not done	Skipped
7/1/24			
All	24	75	1
PS parents	54	45	2