

2025 PDK Poll
Questions

AGEQUAL: Okay, let's get started! Just to make sure we are interviewing eligible people, could you please confirm that you are 18 years or older?

1. Yes
2. No, not 18 years or older [SKIP TO END]
98. Don't know/refuse (vol) [SKIP TO END]

Q1: Do you have any children who attended school in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 in the past year?

1. Yes
2. No [Skip to Q6]
98. Don't know/refuse (vol) [Skip to Q6]

Q2: Thinking of your oldest child, did your child attend a public school, private school, religious or parochial school, or were they home schooled this past year?

1. Public school
2. Private school [Skip to Q4]
3. Religious or parochial school [Skip to Q4]
4. Home school [Skip to Q4]
98. Don't know/refuse (vol) [Skip to Q4]

Q3: If you were offered public funds to cover at least a portion of the cost to send your child to a 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?

1. Probably keep them in public school
2. Probably send them to a private or religious school
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q4: How satisfied are you with the amount of say you have in your child's education?

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Not too satisfied
4. Not at all satisfied
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q5: Do you support or oppose allowing a school district's AI software to have access to your child's data, such as personal information, grades, or assessment data? **[INTERVIEWER PROBE]** And would you say you strongly support/oppose or just support/oppose?

1. Strongly support
2. Support
3. Oppose

- 4. Strongly oppose
- 98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q6: Do you support or oppose President Trump's plan to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education?
[INTERVIEWER PROBE] And would you say you strongly support/oppose or just support/oppose?

- 1. Strongly Support
- 2. Support
- 3. Oppose
- 4. Strongly oppose
- 98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q7: If the U.S. Department of Education were to be eliminated, do you think this would have a positive impact on public schools, a negative impact, or no impact?

- 1. A positive impact
- 2. A negative impact
- 3. No impact
- 98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q8: Do you think the salaries for teachers in your community are too high, too low, or just about right?

- 1. Too high
- 2. Too low
- 3. Just about right
- 98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q9: As you may know, charter schools and lab schools are publicly funded schools that are not managed by local school boards. These schools must meet some objectives but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose providing parents with funding to send their children to charter or lab schools?

- 1. Support
- 2. Oppose
- 98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q10: 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 in your community — A, B, C, D, or Fail?

- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. D
- 5. Fail
- 98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q11: 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?

1. A
 2. B
 3. C
 4. D
 5. Fail
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q12: Many schools today are updating their policies on the use of cell phones in schools. Which of the following policies comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right **[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**?

1. A ban on cell phone usage throughout the school day
 2. No cell phone usage in classes, but permitted at lunch or between classes
 3. Allowing students to use cell phones at any point during the school day—especially to assist in their studies
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Q13: Do you support or oppose each of the following uses of artificial intelligence (AI) in education **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE A-D]**? **[INTERVIEWER PROBE]** And would you say you strongly support/oppose or just support/oppose?

1. Strongly support
 2. Support
 3. Oppose
 4. Strongly oppose
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

- A. To prepare lesson plans for teachers to review and use
- B. To tutor students via interactive computer applications
- C. To have students practice taking standardized tests
- D. For students to use in preparing their homework

Q17: How important is each of the following in public education **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE A-G]**?

1. Very important
 2. Somewhat important
 3. Not very important
 4. Not at all important
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

- A. Providing more career and technical education programs
- B. Diversity, inclusion, and equity initiatives
- C. Addressing teacher shortages
- D. Improving teacher pay
- E. Providing security measures to keep teachers and students safe
- F. Providing more control to states and individual districts over education policy and funding
- G. Educating students about using technology, such as AI and responsible social media use

Q24: Many schools strive to provide an environment that is safe from distractions, where student experience a feeling of belonging to support their learning. How important is it to you that schools work toward making students feel like they belong as a member of their school community?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not very important
4. Not at all important
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

Demographics

Thank you. I have just a few questions about you to make sure we are hearing from a wide range of people.

EDUC: Could you tell me the highest level of education you had the opportunity to complete:

1. High school or less
2. Some college
3. Vocational or technical training
4. College graduate
5. Graduate study or more
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

HISPANIC: Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?

1. Yes
2. No
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

RACE: Do you consider yourself to be:

1. White
2. Black or African American
3. Asian
4. Other: _____
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

RELIG: What is your religious preference, are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another religion, or no religion?

1. Protestant
2. Christian (non-specific) (vol)
3. Catholic
4. Jewish
5. Muslim
6. Other: _____
7. None
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

IDEOL: In general, would you describe your political views as...

1. Very liberal
2. Liberal
3. Moderate
4. Conservative
5. Very Conservative
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

PARTYID: In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat or Independent?

1. Republican [SKIP TO AGE]
2. Democrat [SKIP TO AGE]
3. Independent
4. Other party (vol)
5. No preference/party (vol)
98. Don't know/refuse (vol)

PARTYLN And do you lean more towards the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

1. Lean Republican
2. Lean Democratic
3. Does not lean
98. Dk/Ref (vol)

AGE: Could you tell me the year in which you were born?

Record exact year
98. Dk/Ref (vol)

INCOME: And, just for statistical purposes, in which of the following categories does your family income fall?

1. Under \$25,000
2. \$25-\$49,999
3. \$50-\$74,999
4. \$75-\$99,999
5. \$100,000-\$149,999
6. Over \$150,000
98. Dk/ref (vol)

GENDER: What is your gender?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Non-binary
4. Other: _____ (vol)
98. Dk/ref (vol)

Thank you very much for your help with this survey.