



National Parents Union Survey
Survey of N=1,006 parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade
Sample from online web panels
Field Dates: September 9-13, 2021

COVID-19 AND CURRENT CONCERNS

1. [Concern Battery] With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian? [RANDOMIZE A-E]

1. Worry a lot 2. Worry some 3. Worry a little bit 4. Do not worry much 5. Do not worry at all 6. Unsure

	WORRY A LOT/SOME	DO NOT WORRY MUCH/AT ALL	1. Worry a lot	2. Worry some	3. Worry a little bit	4. Do not worry much	5. Do not worry at all	6. Unsure
A. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school	67%	12%	39%	28%	20%	7%	5%	1%
B. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus	66%	18%	41%	25%	16%	10%	8%	*%
C. How the situation is affecting your children’s mental health and emotional wellbeing	65%	16%	35%	30%	19%	11%	5%	*%
D. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends	63%	15%	31%	33%	22%	10%	4%	*%

IF DOES NOT HAVE ANY CHILDREN ATTENDING IN PERSON [QInPerson=2], ASK:

2. [QSafetyNecessaryV3] Which of the following would be absolutely necessary in order for you to feel safe sending your children to school, meaning you would not send your children to school without this happening? Please select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-10]

		(N=58)
1.	Schools providing face masks to all students and staff and replacing the masks regularly	48%
2.	Schools requiring students and staff members who may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home for 14 days before returning to school	42%
3.	Schools limiting the number of students who are in common areas to maintain social distancing	41%
4.	Schools requiring all teachers and staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19	40%
5.	Schools having a full-time nurse or health worker at school	35%
6.	No new cases of COVID-19 being reported in your local area	35%
7.	Testing for COVID-19 being available to anyone in your local area	29%
8.	Schools requiring all students to get vaccinated against COVID-19	28%
9.	My children getting vaccinated against COVID-19	27%
10.	Schools staggering schedules so that there are fewer students in classrooms and desks can be spaced six feet apart	26%
11.	Something else (Please specify) [TEXT]	1%
12.	None of these [EXCLUSIVE]	9%
13.	Unsure [EXCLUSIVE]	3%

ASK ALL:

3. [QVacParent] Have you been vaccinated against COVID-19, or do you plan to get vaccinated?

TOTAL YES	77%
1. Yes, I have already been vaccinated	58%
2. Yes, I plan to get vaccinated right away	7%
3. Yes, I plan to get vaccinated, but not right away	11%
4. No, will not	18%
5. Unsure	6%

IF HAS CHILDREN AGES 12-17, ASK:

4. [QVac1217] Thinking about your child or children who are between the ages of 12 and 17, have they been vaccinated against COVID-19, or do you plan to get them vaccinated?

(N=536)

TOTAL YES	74%
1. Yes, they have already been vaccinated	48%
2. Yes, I plan to get them vaccinated right away	15%
3. Yes, I plan to get them vaccinated, but not right away	12%
4. No, will not	18%
5. Unsure	7%

IF HAS CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN AGE 12, ASK:

5. [QVacYoung] [IF ALSO HAS CHILDREN AGES 12-17: Thinking about your children who are younger than 12 years old . . .] When COVID-19 vaccines become available for your child or children's age group, do you plan to get them vaccinated?

(N=709)

TOTAL YES	66%
1. Yes, right away	45%
2. Yes, but not right away	21%
3. No, will not	20%
4. Unsure	14%

ASK ALL:

6. [Current Mask Policy] What is your children's schools' current policy for each of the following groups regarding wearing face masks while at school in person? [RANDOMIZE A-C]

- 1. All required to wear masks
- 2. Only required to wear masks if unvaccinated
- 3. Not required to wear masks
- 4. Unsure

	1. All required to wear masks	2. Only required to wear masks if unvaccinated	3. Not required to wear masks	4. Unsure
A. Students	71%	9%	18%	3%
B. Teachers and staff	73%	8%	15%	4%
C. Visitors or volunteers	76%	7%	13%	4%

7. [Views on Mask Policy] What do you think the current policy SHOULD be for each of the following groups regarding wearing face masks while at school in person? [RANDOMIZE A-C]

- 1. Should all be required to wear masks
- 2. Should only be required to wear masks if unvaccinated
- 3. Should not be required to wear masks
- 4. Unsure

	1. All required to wear masks	2. Only required to wear masks if unvaccinated	3. Not required to wear masks	4. Unsure
A. Public school K-12 students	70%	11%	15%	4%
B. Public school teachers and staff	71%	12%	14%	3%
C. Anyone visiting or volunteering at a public school	73%	11%	13%	3%

8. [Vaccine Battery] Do you think the following groups should be required or encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine if they are at school in person? [RANDOMIZE A-C]

	1. Should be required	2. Should be encouraged, but not required	3. Should not be encouraged nor required	4. Unsure
A. Public school K-12 students age 12 and older	52%	28%	15%	4%
B. Public school teachers and staff	59%	25%	12%	3%
C. Anyone visiting or volunteering at a public school	53%	29%	14%	4%

EDUCATION QUALITY

IF HAS TWO OR MORE CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12 [QKidNum=2-6], INSERT:

[ParentIntroText] For the following questions, please respond regarding your [INSERT FIRST/SECOND/ETC] child in birth order from oldest to youngest, who is in <INSERT RESPONSE FOR APPROPRIATE CHILD FROM QKidGrade>.

[RANDOMIZE WHICH CHILD IS ASKED ABOUT, SPLITTING EVENLY BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR PARENTS OF TWO CHILDREN, ASK 50% ABOUT FIRST CHILD (IN BIRTH ORDER FROM OLDEST TO YOUNGEST) WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL, 50% ABOUT SECOND CHILD WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL. PROGRAM FOR UP TO SIX CHILDREN.]

ASK ALL:

9. [QDisability] Does your child have a disability for which they usually receive specialized instruction or therapy?

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| 1. Yes | 12% |
| 2. No | 87% |
| 3. Unsure | 1% |

10. [QSchoolTypeLastYear] Last school year (2020–2021), how did your child attend school? (If they attended school in more than one way during the year, please select the way they attended for the most time.) [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Only in person, on their school campus | 24% |
| 2. Only remotely or online | 41% |
| 3. Part-time in person, part-time remotely or online | 33% |
| 4. Something else (Please specify) | 2% |

11. [QKidSchoolOptions] What options is your child's school currently offering for ways your child could attend school? Please select all options that your child's school is offering, regardless of how your child is currently attending school. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Students can attend in person in a classroom or on campus full-time | 74% |
| 2. Students can attend remotely or online full-time | 34% |
| 3. Students can attend part-time in person, part-time remotely or online | 20% |
| 4. Something else (Please specify) | 1% |

12. [QKidSchoolType] How is your child currently attending school? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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|--|-----|
| 1. Only in person, on their school campus | 77% |
| 2. Only remotely or online | 9% |
| 3. Part-time in person, part-time remotely or online | 14% |
| 4. Something else (Please specify) | *% |

13. [QPlan Battery] What grade would you give each of the following on their back-to-school plan and how well they prepared for the beginning of the school year? “A” is the best grade you can give, and “F” is a failing grade.

	1. A	2. B	3. C	4. D	5. F	6. Unsure			
			A/B	D/F	1. A	2. B	3. C	4. D	5. F
A. Your child’s school			70%	25%	35%	35%	18%	7%	5%
B. Your district superintendent and school board			60%	33%	25%	35%	24%	9%	7%
C. Your state government			46%	37%	17%	29%	24%	13%	16%

14. [QLearningMoreLess] At this point in the school year, do you think your child is learning more than they normally would, less than they normally would, or about the same amount as they normally would when attending school? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Learning more	25%
2. Learning less	22%
3. About the same amount	48%
4. Unsure	5%

15. [QOfferMEComm] Is your child’s school currently offering any services or resources to support students’ mental health and emotional wellbeing?

1. Yes	40%
2. No	30%
3. Unsure	30%

16. [Ratings Battery] How would you currently rate how your child's school is doing on each of the following? [DISPLAY AS GRID] [RANDOMIZE A-G] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Only fair 4. Poor 5. Unsure

	EXCELL- ONLY		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	ENT/ GOOD	FAIR/ POOR	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	Unsure
A. Quality of teaching and instruction	78%	19%	31%	47%	15%	4%	3%
B. Handling health and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19	75%	22%	29%	46%	15%	7%	3%
C. Communication with parents	73%	25%	32%	41%	18%	7%	1%
D. Providing personalized learning to meet your child's needs	69%	26%	27%	43%	19%	7%	4%
E. Managing online learning programs or resources for remote learning	61%	28%	20%	41%	19%	9%	11%
F. Providing resources to support students' mental health and emotional wellbeing	60%	30%	22%	38%	19%	10%	10%

17. [QCatchUp2] Thinking about how the coronavirus situation may have affected your child's schoolwork and classes, are there any areas in which you think your child may have fallen a bit behind or need additional instruction this school year to make up for things they may have missed? Please select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

1. Math	42%
2. English/Language Arts, reading, or writing	29%
3. Science	23%
4. History	13%
5. Other classes or subjects (Please specify)	1%
6. I do not think my child will need any additional instruction	35%
7. Unsure	7%

**IF FEELS CHILD MAY HAVE FALLEN BEHIND OR NEED ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION IN ANY AREA
[QCatchUp2=1, 2, 3, 4, or 5]:**

18. [QLearnPlan] Has your child’s school developed a plan to address your child’s learning needs and make up for things they may have missed in those areas?

(N=593)

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| 1. Yes | 50% |
| 2. No | 33% |
| 3. Unsure | 17% |

ASK ALL:

19. [QViolence] How concerned are you, if at all, about your child being affected by any type of violence at their school this year?

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| VERY/ SOMEWHAT CONCERNED | 53% |
| NOT THAT/ NOT AT ALL CONCERNED | 45% |
| 1. Very concerned | 20% |
| 2. Somewhat concerned | 32% |
| 3. Not that concerned | 26% |
| 4. Not concerned at all | 20% |
| 5. Unsure | 2% |

POLICY QUESTIONS

ASK ALL:

20. [QPerspectives] Would you support or oppose changing K-12 U.S. history curriculum to include a more diverse array of historical figures and perspectives on factual historical events?

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| STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT | 74% |
| STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE | 14% |
| 1. Strongly support | 37% |
| 2. Somewhat support | 37% |
| 3. Somewhat oppose | 7% |
| 4. Strongly oppose | 7% |
| 5. Unsure | 12% |

21. [QPubSchoolAccess] Would you support or oppose changing laws to establish a right to quality public education as a civil right in the same way that the right to vote is, meaning the government would be obligated by law to provide every child access to a quality education, and that the government could be challenged in court if that right is infringed upon?

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| STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT | 78% |
| STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE | 11% |

1. Strongly support	42%
2. Somewhat support	37%
3. Somewhat oppose	7%
4. Strongly oppose	4%
5. Unsure	11%

BIDEN APPROVAL

22. [Biden Approval Battery] Do you approve or disapprove of how President Joe Biden is handling each of the following? [RANDOMIZE A-D]

	1. Strongly approve	2. Somewhat approve	3. Somewhat disapprove	4. Strongly disapprove	5. Unsure			
			DIS- APPROVE	1. Strongly approve	2. Some - what approve	3. Some - what disapprove	4. Strongly disapprove	5. Unsure
A. The public health response to COVID-19	61%	33%		26%	34%	17%	17%	6%
B. The economic recovery from COVID-19	61%	32%		27%	34%	15%	17%	7%
C. [VER. A – RANDOM HALF SAMPLE] The reopening of public schools for in-person learning that closed due to COVID-19	68%	27%		29%	39%	14%	13%	5%
D. [VER. B – RANDOM HALF SAMPLE] The public education response to COVID-19's impacts on student learning	58%	34%		22%	37%	17%	17%	8%

DEMOGRAPHICS

ASK ALL:

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

23. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a ... ?

[RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]

STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN	26%
STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT	44%
1. Strong Republican	16%
2. Not very strong Republican	10%
3. Independent	26%
4. Not very strong Democrat	17%
5. Strong Democrat	27%
6. A member of another party	1%
7. Unsure	4%

IF INDEPENDENT OR UNSURE [QParty=3 OR 7], ASK:

24. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?

(N=296)

TOTAL VOTES FOR REPUBLICANS	13%
TOTAL VOTES FOR DEMOCRATS	30%
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates	2%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats	11%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans	23%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	7%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	25%
6. Unsure	32%

ASK ALL:

25. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be...? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	27%
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	27%
1. Very conservative	14%
2. Somewhat conservative	13%
3. Moderate	42%
4. Somewhat liberal	14%
5. Very liberal	13%
6. Unsure	5%

**26. [QSocial] Which social media platforms or apps do you use? [SELECT MULTIPLE]
[RANDOMIZE 1-10]**

1. Facebook	84%
2. YouTube	79%
3. Instagram	56%
4. Twitter	39%
5. TikTok	36%
6. Snapchat	35%
7. Pinterest	34%
8. WhatsApp	26%
9. LinkedIn	20%
10. Reddit	17%
11. Something else (Please specify)	*%
12. None of these	1%

27. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?

1. Employed full-time	59%
2. Employed part-time	9%
3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work	2%
4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer	1%
5. Unemployed and looking for work	5%
6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work	2%
7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	16%
8. Full time student	1%
9. Retired	3%
10. Something else (Please specify)	1%
11. Prefer not to say	*%

IF EMPLOYED [QEmployment=1-3], ASK:

28. [QWorkplace] Are you currently working from your home, or do you go to work at an office or other workplace? If you are working from an office or other workplace, do you have the option to work from home, or not? [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1]

(N=727)

1. I currently work from home	23%
2. I currently go to work at an office or workplace, but I have the option to work from home	24%
3. I currently go to work at an office or workplace and do NOT have the option to work from home	51%
4. Prefer not to say	1%

ASK ALL:

29. [QIncome] Which range includes your annual household income?

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| 1. Less than \$30,000 per year | 23% |
| 2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year | 21% |
| 3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year | 20% |
| 4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year | 22% |
| 5. More than \$125,000 per year | 13% |
| 6. Prefer not to say | 1% |

30. [QState] In what state do you live?

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| 1. States in the Northeast | 17% |
| 2. States in the Midwest | 21% |
| 3. States in the South | 38% |
| 4. States in the West | 23% |

31. [QUrbanRural] How would you describe the area in which you live?

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| 1. City | 40% |
| 2. Suburb near a city | 38% |
| 3. Small town not near a city | 7% |
| 4. Rural or country area | 16% |

32. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?

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| 1. Single, never married | 19% |
| 2. Married | 58% |
| 3. Living with a partner | 12% |
| 4. Separated | 3% |
| 5. Divorced | 6% |
| 6. Widowed | 1% |
| 7. Prefer not to say | *% |

SCREENER AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS MODULE (ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY)

33. [QIndustry] Do you or does anyone in your household work in any of the following industries? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-8]

1. Technology		7%
2. Sales		5%
3. Healthcare		8%
4. Education or early childhood development		6%
5. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry		6%
7. Market research	TERMINATE	-
8. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
9. None of these		75%

34. [QParentScreener] Are you the parent or guardian of a child or children currently in grades kindergarten through 12th grade (2021–2022 school year)?

1. Yes		100%
2. No	TERMINATE	-
3. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

35. [QPublicScreener] What type of school do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade attend?

1. Public school		100%
2. Private school	TERMINATE	-
3. Homeschool	TERMINATE	-
4. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

36. [QHomeScreener] Where do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade live?

1. Full-time with me in my home		91%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		9%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-

37. [QInPerson] Are any of your children currently attending school in-person on their school campus, either all or part of the time?

1. Yes		93%
2. No		7%

38. [QGender] Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

1. Man		43%
2. Woman		57%
3. Some other way		-

39. [QRace] What is your race or ethnicity? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-6]

1. White	65%
2. Black or African American	15%
3. Hispanic or Latino	23%
4. Asian	6%
5. Native American or Alaska Native	2%
6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*%
7. Something else (Please specify)	1%

40. [QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. High school or less	37%
2. Some college	22%
3. Associate degree	10%
4. Bachelor's degree	20%
5. Graduate degree	12%
6. Prefer not to say	-

41. [QAge] What is your age?

1. 18-29	12%
2. 30-39	40%
3. 40-49	32%
4. 50-64	15%
5. 65+	1%

42. [QKidNum] How many children do you have in public school in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?

1. 1	52%
2. 2	33%
3. 3	10%
4. 4	3%
5. 5	1%
6. 6	*%
7. 7	*%
8. 8	-
9. 9	-
10. 10 or more	-

43. [QKidAge] Please select your child or children's age(s). (If you have multiple children, please select all of their ages.) [LIMIT NUMBER OF SELECTIONS BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN]

1. 4	6%
2. 5	12%
3. 6	12%
4. 7	11%
5. 8	14%
6. 9	12%
7. 10	11%
8. 11	13%
9. 12	11%
10. 13	12%
11. 14	12%
12. 15	12%
13. 16	9%
14. 17	12%

44. [QKidGrade_1A] IF QKidNum=1: Please select your child's current grade level.

IF QKidNum=2-6: Please select the current grade level of each of your children, in birth order from oldest to youngest: [REPEAT FOR EACH CHILD, INCLUDE CHILD TEXT]

- [QKidGrade_1B] First Child**
- [QKidGrade_2] Second Child**
- [QKidGrade_3] Third Child**
- [QKidGrade_4] Fourth Child**
- [QKidGrade_5] Fifth Child**
- [QKidGrade_6] Sixth Child**
- [QKidGrade_7] Seventh Child**
- [QKidGrade_8] Eighth Child**
- [QKidGrade_9] Ninth Child**
- [QKidGrade_10] Tenth Child**

1. Kindergarten	19%
2. 1st grade	12%
3. 2nd grade	12%
4. 3rd grade	13%
5. 4th grade	14%
6. 5th grade	11%
7. 6th grade	13%
8. 7th grade	12%
9. 8th grade	11%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	11%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	12%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	9%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	12%