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

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<td>1. Worry a lot</td>
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<td>2. Worry some</td>
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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]

   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%
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]

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<td>71%</td>
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<td>B. Teachers and staff</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>C. Visitors or volunteers</td>
<td>76%</td>
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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]

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<td>C. Anyone visiting or volunteering at a public school</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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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]

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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?
   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]
   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]
   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]
   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.

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A. Your child’s school

B. Your district superintendent and school board

C. Your state government

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]

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<td>22%</td>
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15. [QOfferMEComm] Is your child’s school currently offering any services or resources to support students’ mental health and emotional wellbeing?

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<td>A/B</td>
<td>40%</td>
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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]

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<td>1. Quality of teaching and instruction</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>2. Handling health and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>3. Communication with parents</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>4. Providing personalized learning to meet your child’s needs</td>
<td>69%</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>5. Managing online learning programs or resources for remote learning</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>6. Providing resources to support students’ mental health and emotional wellbeing</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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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)  
   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?  
   VERY/ SOMEWHA 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?  
   STRONGLY/SOMEWHA SUPPORT 74%  
   STRONGLY/SOMEWHA 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?  
   STRONGLY/SOMEWHA SUPPORT 78%  
   STRONGLY/SOMEWHA 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]

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<th>Disapprove</th>
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<td>A. The public health response to COVID-19</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>B. The economic recovery from COVID-19</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>C. [VER. A – RANDOM HALF SAMPLE] The reopening of public schools for in-person learning that closed due to COVID-19</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>D. [VER. B – RANDOM HALF SAMPLE] The public education response to COVID-19’s impacts on student learning</td>
<td>58%</td>
<td>34%</td>
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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?
   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?
   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?
   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?
   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 *%
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%