

## ***Education Next* – Program on Education Policy and Governance – Parent Survey 2016**

Our results are based on data from the nationally representative 2016 *Education Next* survey of public opinion, in which we oversampled parents with children in the three school sectors. The survey was conducted from May 6 to June 13, 2016, by the polling firm Knowledge Networks (KN), a GfK company. KN maintains a national probability panel of some 40,000 adults who agree to participate in a number of online surveys.

The *Education Next* survey was administered to a randomly selected subset of the KN panel, including an oversample of 1,571 respondents who were already identified as currently having school-age children (ages 5 through 18) living in their household. “Parents” were defined as respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 5 and 18. All parents were asked the same set of questions about their child’s school, modified only to specify the relevant school sector.

Respondents are classified as charter-school parents if they currently have a child in a charter school even if their children also attend other school types; as private-school parents if they have a child in a private school but not in a charter school; or as district-school parents if they have a child in a district school but not in either the charter or private sector.

The background characteristics of parents in the three sectors differ along many dimensions, including race and ethnicity, education, income, and place of residence. Most notably, parents of charter-school students are more likely to be of minority background than are parents of either district- or private-school students. Adjusted responses control for respondents’ education, income, race, homeowner status, region and whether the respondent lives in an urban area. Responses shown are predicted probabilities for a parent whose background characteristics match the average for the sample as a whole.

Responses have been rounded to the nearest percentage point, and as such, columns may not always sum to 100.

For further analysis of the results and details on the methodology behind the 2016 *EdNext* survey, please see “What Do Parents Think of Their Children’s Schools? EdNext poll compares charter, district, and private schools nationwide,” by Samuel Barrows, Paul E. Peterson, and Martin R. West, available at <http://educationnext.org/what-do-parents-think-of-childrens-schools-ednext-private-district-charter>

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## School Satisfaction

*How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of this child's school:*

### 1. Teacher quality?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents*	Private-School Parents
Very dissatisfied	7	4	4	4	6	3
Dissatisfied	6	6	3	5	7	3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	15	16	7	14	18	11
Satisfied	40	51	40	51	50	49
Very satisfied	32	23	46	27	19	34

### 2. School discipline?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents
Very dissatisfied	6	8	4	4	8	3
Dissatisfied	7	11	5	7	12	5
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	15	20	6	14	21	11
Satisfied	38	44	39	47	43	45
Very satisfied	34	17	46	29	15	37

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### 3. Expectations for student achievement?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents†
Very dissatisfied	7	6	4	4	7	3
Dissatisfied	6	8	4	5	9	4
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8	15	4	10	16	8
Satisfied	42	47	35	46	47	43
Very satisfied	38	25	53	35	21	44

### 4. Safety of your child?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents*	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents†
Very dissatisfied	6	5	4	3	7	2
Dissatisfied	3	6	1	4	7	3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	13	15	5	11	18	8
Satisfied	40	46	31	46	47	42
Very satisfied	38	28	60	35	21	45

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### 5. Instruction in character or values?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents**
Very dissatisfied	6	6	5	3	7	2
Dissatisfied	8	10	3	6	11	3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	13	22	4	15	23	9
Satisfied	35	41	30	42	40	35
Very satisfied	38	21	59	35	19	51

### 6. School location?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents
Very dissatisfied	8	4	4	5	5	4
Dissatisfied	6	3	4	4	4	4
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	11	10	9	12	12	11
Satisfied	38	44	33	47	47	46
Very satisfied	37	39	50	32	33	35

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### 7. Racial and ethnic diversity of students?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents*	Private-School Parents	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents
Very dissatisfied	5	4	6	3	5	4
Dissatisfied	7	7	5	5	8	5
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	19	27	21	22	29	24
Satisfied	37	40	36	42	39	42
Very satisfied	31	22	33	29	19	26

### 8. School building and facilities?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents†	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents
Very dissatisfied	6	5	5	5	6	5
Dissatisfied	9	8	4	7	9	8
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	14	15	12	14	17	16
Satisfied	42	44	46	46	45	46
Very satisfied	30	28	34	28	23	25

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## Seriousness of problems

*Still thinking about this same child's school, how serious are the following problems at this child's school:*

### 1. Students destroying property?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents*	Private-School Parents
Very serious	12	12	8	8	13	8
Somewhat serious	9	15	3	12	16	11
Not serious	78	73	89	80	71	82

### 2. Students missing class?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents†	Private-School Parents
Very serious	17	13	8	9	13	6
Somewhat serious	13	24	6	21	26	16
Not serious	70	63	86	70	61	78

### 3. Students fighting?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents*	Private-School Parents†
Very serious	17	14	7	11	17	6
Somewhat serious	12	20	4	17	23	12
Not serious	71	65	89	72	60	82

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#### 4. Racial conflict?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents*	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents†	Private-School Parents
Very serious	13	10	7	8	12	8
Somewhat serious	9	16	6	13	18	14
Not serious	77	74	86	78	71	78

#### 5. Students using drugs?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents*	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents
Very serious	17	18	9	11	18	7
Somewhat serious	11	23	7	18	23	13
Not serious	71	58	84	71	58	80

#### 6. Students with different abilities put in the same classroom?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents†	Private-School Parents†
Very serious	10	11	6	9	12	6
Somewhat serious	23	25	12	24	28	18
Not serious	67	64	82	67	59	76

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### 7. Lack of extracurricular activities such as sports, arts, and music?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents†	Private-School Parents†
Very serious	15	12	8	16	12	12
Somewhat serious	31	21	16	28	24	23
Not serious	53	67	76	56	64	65

## School communications

*Still thinking about this child, how many times during this school year have you spoken to someone at this child's school about:*

### 1. This child's achievements and accomplishments?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents*	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents
None	15	22	19	13	20	16
One or two times	28	36	36	29	36	33
Three or four times	31	28	26	34	29	32
Five or more times	27	14	19	24	15	19

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## 2. This child's schoolwork or homework?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents†	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents*
None	25	26	39	21	26	31
One or two times	30	37	27	35	36	37
Three or four times	23	21	20	24	22	19
Five or more times	23	16	13	20	16	13

## 3. This child's behavioral problems at school?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents
None	55	58	69	54	54	59
One or two times	23	26	22	28	28	26
Three or four times	10	9	5	10	10	9
Five or more times	12	7	4	8	8	7

## 4. Volunteering to work in the school?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents**	Private-School Parents
None	37	52	30	37	52	33
One or two times	29	25	30	29	26	29
Three or four times	16	14	20	19	13	21
Five or more times	17	9	20	15	9	18

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### 5. Quality of teaching?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents†	Private-School Parents**	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents
None	52	59	63	52	55	52
One or two times	26	24	26	29	28	29
Three or four times	12	9	5	11	10	11
Five or more times	10	7	7	8	7	8

### 6. Behavior of other students at this school?

	Raw Responses			Adjusted Responses		
	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents†	Charter-School Parents	District-School Parents	Private-School Parents
None	54	58	61	54	55	55
One or two times	29	26	28	29	28	28
Three or four times	7	10	5	11	10	10
Five or more times	9	6	5	6	6	6

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