

Education Next – PEPG Survey – 2010

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	1 %	2 %	3 %	3 %	1 %	1 %	* %
B	17	20	20	25	17	16	16
C	55	53	53	55	57	53	54
D	21	19	20	13	20	23	22
Fail	6	5	4	4	5	7	7

Respondents identified their local elementary school from a list of the five closest schools to their home address and were asked the following question.

2. How would you rate this elementary school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	18 %	16 %	20 %	25 %	24 %	14 %	18 %
B	47	48	47	45	44	43	43
C	28	32	31	23	25	34	28
D	5	3	1	5	5	6	4
Fail	2	2	1	2	3	4	6

Respondents identified their local middle school from a list of the five closest schools to their home address and were asked the following question.

3. How would you rate this middle school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	16 %	22 %	18 %	17 %	19 %	11 %	13 %
B	39	37	42	43	39	38	30
C	33	31	29	30	29	36	41
D	9	8	9	6	10	12	10
Fail	3	2	2	3	3	4	6

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

4a. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	15 %	34 %	23 %	31 %	18 %	17 %	24 %
Increase	48	42	50	41	54	51	47
Stay about the same	33	22	22	22	22	24	15
Decrease	4	2	5	4	4	6	10
Greatly decrease	1	*	*	2	2	2	3

4b. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	5 %	7 %	4 %	5 %	5 %	8 %	9 %
Increase	24	25	39	40	27	26	25
Stay about the same	56	54	46	47	55	52	55
Decrease	12	12	10	5	11	11	8
Greatly decrease	3	2	1	2	2	3	2

4c. According to the most recent information available, in your district [amount] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	5 %	15 %	16 %	8 %	8 %	7 %	12 %
Increase	24	38	27	35	28	22	25
Stay about the same	54	34	40	44	51	56	54
Decrease	14	11	15	11	12	10	6
Greatly decrease	3	3	3	2	2	5	4

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the most recent available information on per pupil spending in his or her district.

5. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	13 %	24 %	29 %	19 %	20 %	17 %	27 %
Somewhat confident	39	50	38	43	41	44	46
Not very confident	34	22	23	28	27	27	19
Not confident at all	14	4	10	11	12	12	8

Question 5 responses for respondents asked each version of question 4:

If asked question 4a...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	21 %	34 %	41 %	27 %	30 %	23 %	33 %
Somewhat confident	46	55	37	45	43	51	46
Not very confident	23	9	20	20	18	18	18
Not confident at all	10	3	1	7	9	8	4

If asked question 4b...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	11 %	20 %	25 %	13 %	18 %	13 %	23 %
Somewhat confident	39	55	54	42	45	45	49
Not very confident	35	18	12	30	28	28	19
Not confident at all	16	7	9	15	9	14	9

If asked question 4c...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	8 %	20 %	24 %	15 %	13 %	15 %	25 %
Somewhat confident	31	42	21	40	34	37	42
Not very confident	43	36	37	35	36	34	21
Not confident at all	17	2	18	10	17	15	13

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

6a. As you may know, this year Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. Some people have proposed to maintain the current requirement that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	27 %	30 %	37 %	14 %	27 %	34 %	35 %
Somewhat support	35	47	27	36	33	32	33
Neither support nor oppose	26	13	20	16	26	23	21
Somewhat oppose	8	6	10	24	9	8	6
Completely oppose	4	3	6	9	5	3	5

6b. As you may know, this year Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. President Barack Obama has proposed to maintain the current requirement that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	33 %	38 %	47 %	23 %	34 %	34 %	38 %
Somewhat support	33	33	23	36	34	36	39
Neither support nor oppose	24	23	20	16	21	22	14
Somewhat oppose	6	5	6	16	8	4	5
Completely oppose	3	1	5	9	3	4	4

Respondents asked question 6a were asked question 7a; respondents asked question 6b were asked question 7b.

7a. Some people have proposed that states be required to toughen the standards and tests used to evaluate student performance. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	20 %	24 %	25 %	9 %	19 %	24 %	20 %
Somewhat support	38	29	38	24	35	38	38
Neither support nor oppose	26	24	18	22	22	23	21
Somewhat oppose	11	17	18	32	17	11	13
Completely oppose	4	7	1	14	6	4	7

7b. President Obama has proposed that states be required to toughen the standards and tests used to evaluate student performance. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	27 %	36 %	45 %	19 %	26 %	29 %	31 %
Somewhat support	38	25	28	30	36	37	36
Neither support nor oppose	23	28	19	18	24	21	20
Somewhat oppose	7	10	5	24	10	7	6
Completely oppose	4	2	3	10	4	5	6

8a. President Barack Obama's "Race to the Top" program asks states to compete for additional federal funds for their schools by adopting various education reforms. Some say the competition is unwarranted intrusion into state and local government, while others say it is needed to improve school quality. Which comes closer to your view?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Race to the Top is unwarranted intru...	22 %	12 %	12 %	46 %	16 %	17 %	14 %
Race to the Top is necessary to improve...	32	48	48	22	35	39	43
I don't have an opinion either way...	46	40	41	32	49	44	43

8b. The U.S. Department of Education's "Race to the Top" program asks states to compete for additional federal funds for their schools by adopting various education reforms. Some say the competition is unwarranted intrusion into state and local government, while others say it is needed to improve school quality. Which comes closer to your view?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Race to the Top is unwarranted intru...	21 %	16 %	17 %	45 %	17 %	19 %	15 %
Race to the Top is necessary to improve...	34	39	36	22	40	38	41
I don't have an opinion either way...	45	45	48	33	43	44	44

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

9a. If a teacher has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the teacher with additional training and counseling	48 %	73 %	60 %	66 %	49 %	54 %	55 %
Reduce the teacher's salary	7	3	2	3	7	6	5
Fire the teacher	45	25	39	31	44	40	40

9b. If a postal worker has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the postal worker with additional training and counseling	48 %	59 %	57 %	56 %	46 %	51 %	49 %
Reduce the postal worker's salary	8	10	10	6	8	9	10
Fire the postal worker	44	31	33	38	47	40	41

9c. If a police officer has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the police officer with additional training and counseling	51 %	55 %	48 %	64 %	52 %	47 %	53 %
Reduce the police officer's salary	7	15	7	1	10	11	20
Fire the police officer	42	30	45	35	38	42	27

10. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	38 %	43 %	46 %	23 %	34 %	41 %	36 %
Somewhat support	38	30	32	40	38	37	37
Neither support nor oppose	14	15	13	12	13	13	15
Somewhat oppose	8	8	7	19	10	6	8
Completely oppose	3	4	2	6	4	3	3

11. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	46 %	47 %	52 %	32 %	44 %	50 %	46 %
Somewhat support	33	26	27	42	31	30	31
Neither support nor oppose	12	12	12	8	14	12	13
Somewhat oppose	6	11	6	12	8	5	6
Completely oppose	3	4	3	6	4	3	4

12. Do you support or oppose making available to the general public the average test scores of students at each public school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	30 %	32 %	32 %	34 %	31 %	32 %	30 %
Somewhat support	27	28	27	31	26	27	30
Neither support nor oppose	22	17	18	14	21	21	20
Somewhat oppose	11	11	18	11	12	10	9
Completely oppose	9	12	4	10	10	10	10

Teacher Licensure, Salaries, and Retention

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

13a. Do you think that teacher salaries in your state should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	11 %	25 %	16 %	23 %	14 %	13 %	15 %
Increase	48	47	51	52	46	52	56
Stay about the same	37	23	32	23	38	32	26
Decrease	3	4	1	2	2	3	2
Greatly decrease	1	*	*	*	*	*	*

13b. In your state, teachers are paid an average annual salary of [amount]. Do you think that these teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	7 %	7 %	12 %	29 %	6 %	9 %	10 %
Increase	35	43	47	46	38	38	44
Stay about the same	52	49	32	23	49	46	42
Decrease	5	1	8	*	7	6	3
Greatly decrease	1	*	1	1	1	1	*

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the most recent available information on average annual teacher salaries in his or her state.

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

14a. Do you favor or oppose basing a teacher's salary, in part, on his or her students' academic progress on state tests?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	19 %	26 %	3 %	17 %	14 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	34	35	27	21	31	33	34
Neither favor nor oppose	25	25	20	12	25	26	23
Somewhat oppose	15	14	12	24	14	15	14
Completely oppose	11	8	15	39	13	12	13

14b. President Barack Obama has expressed support for the policy of basing teachers' salaries, in part, on their students' academic progress on tests? What do you think of this policy?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	14 %	22 %	17 %	5 %	16 %	16 %	19 %
Somewhat favor	34	32	41	15	31	35	35
Neither favor nor oppose	25	22	26	10	31	22	23
Somewhat oppose	16	16	12	26	14	17	15
Completely oppose	10	8	4	44	8	10	9

15. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	7 %	10 %	14 %	20 %	8 %	8 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	18	34	17	28	17	22	20
Neither favor nor oppose	29	31	35	18	30	29	34
Somewhat oppose	31	17	25	24	32	25	25
Completely oppose	16	8	9	10	14	15	12

16. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform? Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on the schools in your community, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely positive effect	7 %	13 %	12 %	15 %	7 %	6 %	6 %
Somewhat positive effect	21	32	29	36	24	25	27
Neither positive nor negative effect	39	40	37	23	39	37	41
Somewhat negative effect	22	11	16	17	20	21	18
Completely negative effect	11	3	7	8	10	11	8

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

17a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	12 %	17 %	14 %	10 %	14 %	15 %	17 %
Somewhat support	32	47	33	29	37	33	40
Neither support nor oppose	36	23	33	25	34	32	27
Somewhat oppose	13	9	16	21	11	14	12
Completely oppose	6	5	5	15	4	6	4

17b. As may know, many states allow publicly authorized charter schools. These schools receive most of their funding from the government but they are privately managed. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	15 %	15 %	15 %	19 %	18 %	18 %	16 %
Somewhat support	29	28	30	30	28	28	29
Neither support nor oppose	35	39	37	24	32	34	35
Somewhat oppose	16	16	16	17	18	16	18
Completely oppose	6	1	2	10	5	5	2

18. Now we'd like to ask you some questions about charter schools. We are interested in what you have heard about how these charter schools operate. To the best of your knowledge, are there any charter schools in your district?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	27 %	49 %	26 %	42 %	28 %	48 %	50 %
No	24	9	15	38	29	8	10
Don't know	49	51	58	20	43	44	41

19. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools hold religious services?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	15 %	16 %	19 %	18 %	16 %	11 %	10 %
No	18	11	22	35	20	22	23
Don't know	67	72	59	48	64	66	67

20. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools charge tuition?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	25 %	19 %	31 %	24 %	24 %	26 %	23 %
No	19	22	18	43	22	24	30
Don't know	56	59	51	33	54	50	47

21. In general, do charter schools receive more, less, or the same amount of government funds for each student enrolled than do traditional public schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Charters receive more government funds	11 %	14 %	14 %	11 %	12 %	11 %	14 %
Charters receive less government funds	12	14	12	19	15	14	15
Charters receive the same amount of government funds	15	10	13	37	15	17	16
Don't know	62	62	61	34	58	59	55

22. To the best of your knowledge, when more students apply to a charter school than there are spaces available, can the school pick the students they want or must they hold a lottery?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Pick students they want	16 %	13 %	16 %	22 %	18 %	17 %	18 %
Must hold lottery	15	24	21	32	19	21	28
Don't know	68	63	63	46	64	62	55

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

23a. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	9 %	17 %	16 %	9 %	15 %	13 %	21 %
Somewhat support	22	34	31	17	21	27	25
Neither support nor oppose	27	27	23	20	27	25	25
Somewhat oppose	20	16	14	25	20	17	16
Completely oppose	23	7	16	29	17	19	13

23b. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. President Barack Obama has expressed opposition to such a proposal. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	8 %	18 %	11 %	7 %	11 %	10 %	16 %
Somewhat support	19	35	24	18	21	21	28
Neither support nor oppose	25	25	21	13	22	26	29
Somewhat oppose	21	14	23	20	18	20	15
Completely oppose	26	8	21	42	28	22	12

23c. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	16 %	37 %	40 %	8 %	27 %	20 %	32 %
Somewhat support	23	46	22	17	23	22	22
Neither support nor oppose	29	11	25	17	26	25	20
Somewhat oppose	13	4	5	21	9	14	9
Completely oppose	19	2	9	36	16	19	17

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

24a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	19 %	30 %	28 %	19 %	30 %	23 %	34 %
Somewhat favor	36	41	37	32	37	36	32
Neither favor nor oppose	25	20	27	20	21	23	19
Somewhat oppose	11	5	7	14	5	9	8
Completely oppose	9	4	2	15	7	9	7

24b. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	27 %	24 %	19 %	17 %	22 %	27 %
Somewhat favor	35	37	32	25	38	34	42
Neither favor nor oppose	28	29	35	24	26	25	22
Somewhat oppose	10	4	5	13	9	10	5
Completely oppose	12	4	5	19	10	9	5

Online Education

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

25a. A proposal has been made to allow middle school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	8 %	18 %	13 %	10 %	9 %	10 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	35	38	35	33	40	33	35
Neither favor nor oppose	29	27	23	18	25	26	18
Somewhat oppose	18	10	22	21	19	20	21
Completely oppose	10	8	7	18	7	10	10

25b. A proposal has been made to allow high school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	21 %	27 %	20 %	19 %	17 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	37	40	38	35	43	39	43
Neither favor nor oppose	25	23	23	17	20	21	20
Somewhat oppose	15	11	8	21	13	13	7
Completely oppose	8	5	4	7	5	10	5

26. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the internet?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very willing	16 %	14 %	25 %	22 %	19 %	17 %	21 %
Somewhat willing	38	35	32	39	40	36	37
Neither willing nor unwilling	21	21	24	12	19	22	21
Somewhat unwilling	13	17	10	17	12	12	12
Very unwilling	11	13	9	10	10	13	10

Additional Background Information

27. Do you know any students who have taken a course entirely over the internet for middle or high school credit?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	9 %	7 %	11 %	29 %	9 %	10 %	11 %
No	91	93	89	71	91	90	89

The following question was asked only of those who answered yes to question 40 and were a parent of a school-aged child.

28. Have any of your own children ever taken a course for middle or high school credit over the internet?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	22 %	29 %	32 %	15 %	29 %	29 %	39 %
No	78	71	68	85	71	71	61

29. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools its child?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	36 %	17 %	28 %	62 %	42 %	31 %	35 %
No	64	83	72	38	58	69	65