

YouGov Survey: School Curriculum Decisions



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted April 13 - 20, 2023
Margin of Error ±3.4%

1. People have different opinions about who should ultimately be responsible for making decisions about the curriculum taught in K-12 public schools. In your opinion, at what level should these decisions be made?

The federal government	11%
The state government	16%
The local government	9%
The school district	25%
The school administration	16%
The teacher	8%
Not sure	15%

2. Which of the following comes closest to your view on what a parent should do if they object to certain material included in a public K-12 school's standard curriculum?

They should attempt to get the school to change its curriculum	41%
They should send their child to a different school or homeschool them	38%
They should do nothing	5%
Not sure	16%

3. Imagine a scenario in which the parents of one student in a public K-12 classroom object to the teaching of certain material included in the school's standard curriculum. In this situation, do you think the school should...?

Leave the material in the curriculum	29%
Excuse the student whose parents object from being taught the material	47%
Remove the material from the curriculum	11%
Not sure	12%

4. Imagine a scenario in which the parents of half of the students in a public K-12 classroom object to the teaching of certain material included in the school's standard curriculum. In this situation, do you think the school should...?

Leave the material in the curriculum	21%
Excuse the students whose parents object from being taught the material	32%
Remove the material from the curriculum	28%
Not sure	19%

5. Imagine a scenario in which the parents of all of the students in a public K-12 classroom object to the teaching of certain material included school's standard curriculum. In this situation, do you think the school should. . . ?

Leave the material in the curriculum	23%
Remove the material from the curriculum	57%
Not sure	20%

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Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
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Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	71 questions not reported.

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1. Ultimate Decision-Maker School Curriculum

People have different opinions about who should ultimately be responsible for making decisions about the curriculum taught in K-12 public schools. In your opinion, at what level should these decisions be made?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The federal government	11%	12%	11%	17%	18%	5%	8%	11%	16%	11%	*
The state government	16%	19%	13%	17%	16%	15%	16%	18%	15%	14%	*
The local government	9%	10%	8%	12%	12%	8%	5%	10%	6%	7%	*
The school district	25%	23%	26%	13%	16%	30%	36%	27%	14%	17%	*
The school administration	16%	14%	17%	20%	17%	13%	15%	13%	25%	17%	*
The teacher	8%	9%	8%	7%	8%	11%	6%	6%	13%	16%	*
Not sure	15%	12%	18%	14%	14%	17%	14%	15%	12%	18%	*
Totals	100%	99%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(990)	(472)	(518)	(198)	(236)	(323)	(233)	(679)	(129)	(125)	(57)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The federal government	11%	16%	9%	9%	14%	10%	11%	14%	10%	13%	8%	12%	12%
The state government	16%	15%	14%	21%	15%	20%	13%	18%	21%	13%	16%	19%	14%
The local government	9%	9%	8%	10%	7%	11%	5%	10%	17%	8%	9%	11%	7%
The school district	25%	20%	27%	27%	25%	29%	24%	25%	22%	20%	31%	22%	27%
The school administration	16%	19%	12%	17%	17%	13%	16%	18%	11%	17%	14%	15%	17%
The teacher	8%	10%	9%	6%	11%	6%	12%	4%	8%	14%	3%	7%	12%
Not sure	15%	12%	20%	11%	11%	12%	19%	11%	10%	16%	19%	15%	11%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(373)	(367)	(250)	(378)	(328)	(356)	(303)	(238)	(154)	(188)	(406)	(242)

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2. What Parent Should Do

Which of the following comes closest to your view on what a parent should do if they object to certain material included in a public K-12 school's standard curriculum?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
They should attempt to get the school to change its curriculum	41%	45%	36%	43%	37%	39%	45%	44%	39%	32%	*
They should send their child to a different school or homeschool them	38%	37%	39%	38%	36%	40%	39%	36%	39%	42%	*
They should do nothing	5%	5%	5%	5%	8%	4%	4%	5%	7%	6%	*
Not sure	16%	13%	19%	14%	20%	17%	12%	15%	16%	21%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(990)	(470)	(520)	(198)	(235)	(324)	(233)	(678)	(130)	(126)	(56)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They should attempt to get the school to change its curriculum	41%	31%	37%	56%	31%	57%	41%	42%	40%	34%	43%	38%	48%
They should send their child to a different school or homeschool them	38%	44%	38%	32%	47%	33%	34%	40%	43%	42%	32%	40%	38%
They should do nothing	5%	8%	4%	3%	8%	2%	5%	5%	6%	5%	8%	6%	3%
Not sure	16%	16%	20%	9%	14%	8%	20%	12%	12%	19%	17%	16%	11%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Unweighted N	(990)	(372)	(368)	(250)	(377)	(328)	(357)	(303)	(236)	(153)	(188)	(407)	(242)

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3. Objection by Parents of One Student

Imagine a scenario in which the parents of one student in a public K-12 classroom object to the teaching of certain material included in the school's standard curriculum. In this situation, do you think the school should... ?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Leave the material in the curriculum	29%	30%	29%	28%	28%	28%	33%	29%	25%	30%	*
Excuse the student whose parents object from being taught the material	47%	49%	46%	43%	41%	52%	52%	49%	44%	39%	*
Remove the material from the curriculum	11%	12%	10%	17%	15%	8%	7%	11%	14%	15%	*
Not sure	12%	9%	15%	13%	17%	12%	8%	11%	17%	16%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(991)	(470)	(521)	(198)	(237)	(324)	(232)	(679)	(129)	(126)	(57)

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Leave the material in the curriculum	29%	38%	26%	23%	41%	23%	29%	27%	35%	41%	34%	24%	24%
Excuse the student whose parents object from being taught the material	47%	42%	46%	55%	44%	57%	46%	49%	47%	35%	48%	50%	51%
Remove the material from the curriculum	11%	11%	11%	12%	8%	11%	10%	12%	13%	10%	5%	14%	14%
Not sure	12%	10%	16%	10%	7%	9%	15%	12%	6%	14%	13%	13%	11%
Totals	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%

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		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Unweighted N	(991)	(375)	(366)	(250)	(380)	(327)	(357)	(304)	(237)	(154)	(188)	(406)	(243)

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4. Objection by Parents of Half of Students

Imagine a scenario in which the parents of half of the students in a public K-12 classroom object to the teaching of certain material included in the school's standard curriculum. In this situation, do you think the school should...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Leave the material in the curriculum	21%	23%	18%	21%	24%	18%	22%	20%	20%	23%	*
Excuse the students whose parents object from being taught the material	32%	32%	32%	45%	29%	27%	29%	28%	43%	32%	*
Remove the material from the curriculum	28%	28%	29%	18%	28%	33%	31%	33%	16%	23%	*
Not sure	19%	17%	21%	16%	19%	21%	18%	19%	20%	22%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(986)	(468)	(518)	(195)	(235)	(325)	(231)	(676)	(128)	(125)	(57)

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Leave the material in the curriculum	21%	30%	17%	15%	33%	12%	20%	20%	25%	27%	22%	16%	23%
Excuse the students whose parents object from being taught the material	32%	33%	31%	32%	33%	29%	30%	35%	30%	30%	29%	36%	29%
Remove the material from the curriculum	28%	18%	27%	43%	15%	49%	28%	29%	30%	21%	27%	30%	33%
Not sure	19%	19%	25%	11%	19%	10%	22%	16%	14%	23%	23%	18%	15%
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5. Objection by Parents of All Students

Imagine a scenario in which the parents of all of the students in a public K-12 classroom object to the teaching of certain material included school's standard curriculum. In this situation, do you think the school should...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Leave the material in the curriculum	23%	24%	22%	34%	30%	15%	18%	20%	34%	30%	*
Remove the material from the curriculum	57%	59%	54%	48%	47%	64%	65%	61%	40%	44%	*
Not sure	20%	17%	24%	18%	24%	22%	18%	18%	27%	27%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	99%	101%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(993)	(473)	(520)	(198)	(237)	(325)	(233)	(681)	(130)	(125)	(57)

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Leave the material in the curriculum	23%	30%	20%	18%	29%	15%	22%	21%	29%	26%	23%	22%	22%
Remove the material from the curriculum	57%	45%	54%	74%	45%	78%	55%	62%	55%	50%	51%	62%	58%
Not sure	20%	25%	26%	8%	27%	8%	22%	17%	16%	24%	26%	16%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(374)	(368)	(251)	(380)	(327)	(358)	(303)	(238)	(155)	(189)	(406)	(243)

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