

**Connecticut Education Association
Statewide Voters Multimodal Survey**

*December 6-11, 2022
800 Registered Voters*

Q.1 Are you registered to vote in Connecticut?

	Total
Yes.....	100
No	-
Don't know	-

The next questions are about Connecticut's K-12 public schools.

Q.2 (SPLIT A)¹ How would you rate the quality of public schools in Connecticut?

	Total
Excellent	12
Good	51
Just fair	25
Poor	6
Don't know	6
Excellent/Good	63
Just fair/Poor	31
Excellent/Good - Just fair/Poor	33

Q.3 (SPLIT B) How would you rate the quality of public schools in your neighborhood?

	Total
Excellent	23
Good	44
Just Fair	18
Poor	6
Don't know	9
Excellent/Good	67
Just Fair/Poor	24
Excellent/Good - Just Fair/Poor	43

¹ Respondents are evenly distributed between SPLIT A and SPLIT B.



Q.4 And generally speaking, do you think that public schools in Connecticut are getting better, worse, or not changing one way or the other?

	Total
Much better	4
Somewhat better	21
Somewhat worse	33
Much worse	9
Not changing	20
Don't know	13
Total Better	25
Total Worse	43
Better - Worse	-18

Q.5 How would you rate the quality of teachers in Connecticut K-12 public schools?

	Total
Excellent	18
Good	51
Just fair	16
Poor	3
Don't know	12
Excellent/Good	69
Just fair/Poor	19
Excellent/Good - Just fair/Poor	50

Q.6 Overall, do you think the funding for public schools in Connecticut is enough to meet their needs, or not enough to meet their needs?

	Total
Enough	24
Not enough	63
Don't know	14
Not enough - Enough	39

Q.7 In your view, are teachers in Connecticut paid too much, not enough, or about the right amount?

	Total
Too much	5
Not enough	65
About the right amount	20
Don't know	10
Too much/About the right amount	25
Not enough - Too much/About the right amount	40

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Q.8 Would you favor or oppose the state of Connecticut providing more funding to cities and towns to support teacher salaries?

	Total
Favor.....	75
Oppose	16
Don't know	10
Favor - Oppose	59

For each of the following issues, please rate how serious of a problem you think it is for public K-12 schools in Connecticut.

	Very Ser	Smwt Ser	Not That Ser	Not At all Ser	DK	Total Ser	Total Not Ser	Ser - Not
9 Inadequate funding	42	34	13	6	6	76	19	57
10 Too many students per class.....	28	38	21	5	9	65	26	40
11 Teachers facing stress and burnout	51	30	10	4	5	82	14	68
12 Teacher salaries are too low	40	31	15	8	6	70	23	47
13 Teacher shortages	53	32	8	2	5	85	10	75
14 Student mental health and wellness.....	52	32	9	2	4	85	11	74
15 Too much focus on standardized testing	31	37	20	6	6	68	26	42
16 Students falling behind academically	48	36	9	2	5	84	11	73
17 Student behavioral and discipline issues.....	48	33	12	1	5	81	14	67
18 Lack of school safety	43	33	16	3	6	75	19	56
19 Poor air quality and ventilation in schools.....	31	30	21	8	11	61	28	32

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Below are some proposals to address teacher shortages and improve recruitment and retention. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each one.

	Strg Sup	Smwt Sup	Smwt Opp	Strg Opp	Not Sure	Total Sup	Total Opp	Sup - Opp
20 Increase teacher salaries to make them similar to salaries in professions with the same education and training requirements.....	57	26	8	6	4	83	13	70
21 Provide college tuition credit for students who pursue and complete teaching degrees, and for teachers who complete master's degrees.....	51	32	7	6	3	83	14	69
22 Provide income tax breaks for new educators based on the amount they pay for student loans	45	28	9	11	7	73	20	53
23 Improve mentoring for new teachers.....	53	37	4	1	6	89	5	85
24 Continue meeting the state's commitment to the teacher retirement fund.....	54	29	8	4	5	83	12	71
25 Change the teacher evaluation system to focus less on test scores	43	34	9	7	7	77	16	61
26 Provide pandemic pension credit for teachers, similar to "hero pay" for essential workers in other professions	46	27	10	12	5	73	22	51
27 Reduce standardized testing	42	32	13	7	6	74	20	54
28 Increase play-based learning and creativity in Kindergarten through 3rd grade.....	50	33	6	3	7	84	10	74

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Below are some proposals to improve the education experience for students. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each one.

	Strg Sup	Smwt Sup	Smwt Opp	Strg Opp	Not Sure	Total Sup	Total Opp	Sup - Opp
29 Allow teachers to incorporate more play-based learning strategies and increase the minimum amount of time for undirected play and physical activity in Kindergarten through 3rd grade	51	30	7	3	8	81	10	71
30 Provide incentives to school districts to reduce class sizes	44	40	8	2	7	84	9	74
31 Ensure teachers have uninterrupted planning time to prepare for classes	53	36	5	2	4	89	7	82
32 Limit the use of standardized tests	41	34	12	5	7	76	18	58
33 Increase resources for English Language Learners and bilingual education	46	38	8	5	4	84	12	72
34 Set minimum and maximum temperature standards for classrooms	41	35	8	3	12	76	11	65
35 Provide supports to address disruptive student behavior	66	30	1	1	3	95	2	93

Q.36 Should teachers be paid more, less, or about the same as professions with similar education and training requirements?

	Total
More	33
Less	4
About the same	57
Don't know	6
More - Less	28

Q.37 As you may know, Connecticut set up a fund to provide "hero pay" to essential workers who had to work during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers were not included in this fund. Do you think teachers who worked during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic should receive hero pay or other compensation for that work?

	Total
Yes.....	71
No	20
Don't know	9
Yes - No	51

Finally, I would like to ask you a few more questions for statistical purposes.

Q.38 How many children 18 or younger do you have living at home?

	Total
None	64
1	15
2	15
3 or more	6
Any children under 18.....	36

Q.39 (PARENTS)² What grade levels are your children in?

	Total
Preschool/Pre-K	23
Elementary school	44
Middle school/junior high school	35
High school	30
None of the above	7
Any kids in school.....	93

Q.40 (IF ANY KIDS IN SCHOOL)³ What type of schools are your children enrolled in?

	Total
Neighborhood public school.....	78
Private school	9
Homeschooling.....	7
Other public non-charter school	5
Charter school	4
Other	4
Total public school.....	82
Total non-public school.....	23

² 290 respondents

³ 270 respondents

Q.41 (IF ANY KIDS IN SCHOOL) Has your child been identified for, or does your child receive, special education support or accommodations?

	Total
Yes.....	35
No	64
Prefer not to answer	1

Q.42 (IF ANY KIDS IN SCHOOL) Is your child learning English as their second (or third, etc.) language?

	Total
Yes.....	6
No	94
Prefer not to answer	1

Q.43 (IF ANY KIDS IN SCHOOL) Do your children receive free or reduced-price meals at school, a program that children are eligible for based on their family's income?

	Total
Yes.....	34
No	64
Prefer not to answer	1

Q.44 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 to 24.....	9
25 to 29.....	7
30 to 34.....	10
35 to 39.....	9
40 to 44.....	7
45 to 49.....	6
50 to 54.....	8
55 to 59.....	10
60 to 64.....	9
Over 64	26

Q.45 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
First through eleventh grade	1
High school graduate	12
Vocational or technical school.....	5
Some college, but no degree	20
Associate degree	10
Four-year college graduate or bachelor's degree	24
Graduate school or advanced degree.....	26
Prefer not to answer	2

Q.46 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

	Total
Democrat	44
Independent.....	24
Republican.....	26
Other	4
Don't know	3
Democrat - Republican	18

Q.47 Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

	Total
Woman	53
Man.....	47
In some other way	0

Q.48 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White or Caucasian	75
Hispanic or Latino.....	12
Black or African American	7
Asian or Pacific Islander.....	3
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native	0
Other	1
Prefer not to answer	0