Americans think education is headed...
Do you feel things in K–12 Education are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have generally gotten off on the wrong track?

The main purpose of education?
What do you believe should be the main purpose of education during Kindergarten through 8th grade/High School? In your opinion, how important is it for students to learn...

Who makes good decisions about education? Americans have higher trust in those more connected to schools.
How much, if at all, do you trust the following to make good decisions about education?

Parents of school-age children have a wide range of concerns about how COVID-19 is impacting schooling.
Thinking about the coronavirus (COVID-19), how concerned are you about each of the following?

Solid majorities of Parents and Teachers have felt prepared for school closures and online learning.
How prepared do you feel about a decision to close your child’s school and provide online instruction (also known as e-learning or e-days)?

If the general public/parents/teachers could choose any school for their kids, they would prefer...
If given the option, what type of school would you select in order to obtain the best education for your child?
Do Americans support school choice policies?

Charter schools are public schools that have more control over their own budget, staff, and curriculum, and are exempt from many existing public school regulations.

A school voucher system allows parents the option of sending their child to the school of their choice, whether that school is public or private, including both religious and non-religious schools. If this policy were adopted, tax dollars currently allocated to a school district would be allocated to parents in the form of a 'school voucher' to pay partial or full tuition for the child’s school.

An "education savings account" in K–12 education – often called an ESA – establishes for parents a government-authorized savings account with restricted, but multiple uses for educational purposes. Parents can then use these funds to pay for: school tuition; tutoring; online education programs; therapies for students with special needs; textbooks or other instructional materials; or save for future college expenses.

Based on what you know, or have heard from others... In general, what is your opinion of charter schools, school vouchers, and education savings accounts (ESAs)?

% Total Support, among All Adults (Strongly Support + Somewhat Support)

% Too Low, among All Adults

% Too Low, among School Parents

% Too Low, among Teachers (March Only)

Is school funding too low? Information is powerful.

Without Information: Do you believe public school funding in your state is too low?

With Information: On average, your state spends $[Respondent's State Average] per student attending public school each year. Do you believe public school funding is too low?

% Too Low, among All Adults

% Too Low, among School Parents

% Too Low, among Teachers (March Only)

Should we pay teachers more?

Without Information: Do you think that public school salaries in your state should:

increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

With Information: On average, your state pays $[Respondent's State Average] per teacher each year. Do you think that public school salaries in your state should:

increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

% Increase, among All Adults

% Increase, among School Parents

% Increase, among Teachers (March Only)

Too much standardized testing? It depends who you ask.

All public schools and most private schools give their students standardized tests during the school year. When thinking about students preparing for and taking these tests, in general, do you believe the amount of time spent on standardized testing in American schools is:

% Too Low

% About Right

% Too High

% Don't Know/ No Opinion

Without Information

With Information

% Increase (March Only)

These polls are fielded online, among a national sample of 2,200 general population adults (age 18+) monthly and 1,000 teachers quarterly living in the United States (including the District of Columbia). Results include a monthly sample of approximately 500 K-12 school parents. Morning Consult uses non-probability, stratified sampling based on age and gender for general population and gender and years of experience for teachers. The general population results are weighted on the following demographic variables: age, gender, region, race/ethnicity, and educational attainment.