

# **New Hampshire**

## **K-12 & School Choice Survey**

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### **Questionnaire and Topline Results**

**March 15 to 23, 2017**

**Total Statewide Sample = 601**

**EdChoice, *Survey Sponsor and Developer***  
**Braun Research, Inc., *Survey Data Collection and Quality Control***

# Survey Profile

<b>Title:</b>	New Hampshire K-12 & School Choice Survey
<b>Survey Sponsor &amp; Developer:</b>	EdChoice
<b>Survey Data Collection &amp; Quality Control:</b>	Braun Research, Inc.
<b>Interview Dates:</b>	March 15 to 23, 2017
<b>Interview Method:</b>	Live Telephone   40% landline and 60% cell phone
<b>Interview Length:</b>	15 minutes (average)
<b>Language(s):</b>	English
<b>Sample Frame:</b>	New Hampshire Registered Voters
<b>Sampling Method:</b>	Dual Frame; Probability Sampling; Random Digit Dial (RDD)
<b>Sample Size:</b>	Statewide Sample, N = 601
<b>Margins of Error:</b>	Statewide Sample = $\pm$ 4.0 percentage points
<b>Response Rates (RR) using AAPOR RR3:</b>	Landline = 3.0%; Cell Phone = 4.9%
<b>Weighting?</b>	Yes (Age, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, County, Community Type, Party ID)
<b>Oversampling?</b>	No

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**SPLIT\_1. CODE - SPLIT 1**

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
SPLIT A	<b>50.1%</b>
SPLIT B	<b>49.9%</b>

**SPLIT\_2. CODE - SPLIT 2**

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
SPLIT C	<b>50.2%</b>
SPLIT D	<b>49.8%</b>

**SPLIT\_3. CODE - SPLIT 3**

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
SPLIT E	<b>50.2%</b>
SPLIT F	<b>49.8%</b>

**SURVEY\_TYPE. SURVEY TYPE**

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
LANDLINE	<b>40.2%</b>
CELL PHONE	<b>59.8%</b>

**[BRAUN RESEARCH INTRODUCTION]**

S1. Are you under 18 years old , OR are you 18 or older?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
Under 18	-
18 or older	<b>100%</b>
DK/RF	-

S2. Would official records show that you are now registered to vote **in the state of New Hampshire** and that you are eligible to vote in upcoming elections?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
YES	<b>100%</b>
NO	-
DK/RF	-

D1. [CODE FOR COUNTY]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
Belknap County	<b>4.6%</b>
Carroll County	<b>3.8%</b>
Cheshire County	<b>5.9%</b>
Coos County	<b>2.5%</b>
Grafton County	<b>7.0%</b>
Hillsborough County	<b>30.0%</b>
Merrimack County	<b>11.1%</b>
Rockingham County	<b>22.4%</b>
Strafford County	<b>9.4%</b>
Sullivan County	<b>3.2%</b>
[DO NOT READ] DON'T KNOW/ REFUSED	-

REG. REGION.

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
North	<b>13.3%</b>
Central	<b>28.4%</b>
South	<b>58.3%</b>

D2. [DO NOT READ. ASK ONLY IF UNSURE. CODE GENDER OF RESPONDENT.]

TOTAL ANSWERING	601
UNWEIGHTED BASE	601
[Male]	47.7%
[Female]	52.3%

**“For this brief interview, if you are completely unsure about your answer or have no feelings for an answer, you can say ‘I Don’t Know’.” [ENTER AS “DK”]**

1. Generally speaking, do you think things in New Hampshire are headed in the right direction or do you feel things have generally gotten off on the wrong track?

TOTAL ANSWERING	601
UNWEIGHTED BASE	601
Right Direction	51.1%
Wrong Track	30.3%
[DK]	18.4%
[Refused]	0.2%

2. What is the most important problem facing you and your family that you believe the New Hampshire state government should address? Please be as specific as possible in your response. [OPEN END and CODE]

TOTAL ANSWERING	601
UNWEIGHTED BASE	601
<b>NET: HEALTHCARE/HEALTH ISSUES</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
Rising cost of health care	2.8%
Caring for the elderly/ Soc. Sec	2.6%
Availability of Care	2.6%
Poor Coverage/Benefits	1.0%
Gov't Not Doing Enough	0.7%
Obamacare/ACA	0.4%
Hospital/Nursing Home care	0.1%

Other Health	9.6%
<b>NET: CRIME/SAFETY</b>	<b>15.7%</b>
Drugs/Alcohol	14.1%
Police Brutality	0.5%
Crime	0.3%
Gangs/Juvenile Delinquency	0.1%
Poor Police/Law Enforcement	0.1%
Other Crime	1.0%
<b>NET: EDUCATION</b>	<b>15.5%</b>
School Financing	6.7%
Quality of Education	1.7%
Administration	0.3%
Discipline	0.1%
Wasteful Spending	0.1%
Other Education	7.1%
<b>NET: TAXES</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
Property Taxes	6.9%
Tax Increases	3.5%
State Income Taxes	0.6%
Other Taxes	2.8%
<b>NET: ECONOMIC</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
Low Wages/Few Jobs	3.9%
Economy/Recession	2.0%
Unemployment	0.9%
Poor Business Climate	0.4%
Other Economic	1.6%
<b>NET: STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
Spending on wrong priorities	2.0%
Poor/Corrupt Leadership	1.3%
Gov't Spending/Too Much	1.0%
Budget Shortfall/ Deficit	0.9%
Gov't Spending/ Wasteful	0.3%
State Legislature	0.3%
Governor	0.1%
Other Government	0.9%
<b>NET: ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
Pollution	0.1%
Other Environment	2.1%
<b>NET: GROWTH/ TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
Road & Bridge Maintenance	0.9%
Other Traffic	0.7%
<b>NET: OTHER / SPECIFIC LOCAL ISSUES</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

Decline in Moral Values	<b>0.8%</b>
Terrorism	<b>0.1%</b>
Other (SPECIFY)	<b>11.2%</b>
No Problems	<b>4.7%</b>
Don't Know/Refused	<b>9.0%</b>

3. Are you currently the parent or guardian of a child, who lives with you, and who is enrolled in any grade from Kindergarten through High School? If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten next school year, that qualifies as a “Yes”.

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
Yes	<b>24.8%</b>
<b>NET: NO</b>	<b>74.8%</b>
No, My Oldest [Or Only Child] Is Not Yet In School	<b>4.7%</b>
No, My Youngest [Or Only] Child Is Past High School Age	<b>31.3%</b>
No, I Am Not The Parent or Guardian Of Any Child	<b>38.8%</b>
Prefer not to answer	<b>0.2%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.3%</b>

4. In New Hampshire, 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?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
Right Direction	<b>43.3%</b>
Wrong Track	<b>39.4%</b>
[DK]	<b>16.8%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.4%</b>

5. How much do you think is spent per year on each student in New Hampshire’s public schools? Your estimate (to the nearest thousand dollars) will represent the combined expenditures of local, state, and federal governments.

TOTAL ANSWERING	601
UNWEIGHTED BASE	601
\$4,000 or less	10.2%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	18.0%
\$8,001 - \$12,000	16.7%
\$12,001 - \$16,000	12.1%
Over \$16,000	10.1%
[DK]	32.6%
[Refused]	0.3%

**6a. Split A.** Do you believe that public school funding in New Hampshire is at a level that is:

TOTAL ANSWERING	301
UNWEIGHTED BASE	298
Too High	13.8%
Too Low	45.1%
About Right	30.6%
[DK]	10.4%
[Refused]	0.1%

**6b. Split B.** According to the most recent information available, on average **\$15,327** is being spent per year on each student attending public schools in New Hampshire. Do you believe that public school funding in the state is at a level that is:

TOTAL ANSWERING	300
UNWEIGHTED BASE	303
Too High	19.2%
Too Low	36.7%
About Right	33.4%
[DK]	10.6%
[Refused]	0.1%

7. In thinking about the schools in your area, what grade would you give:



**[GRADE OPTIONS: A, B, C, D, F, (Does Not Apply), or (DK)]**

**[RANDOMIZE 7A, 7B, 7C]**

**7A. Regular Public Schools (also: District Schools)**

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
A	<b>14.1%</b>
B	<b>40.2%</b>
C	<b>27.0%</b>
D	<b>10.6%</b>
F	<b>1.7%</b>
[Does Not Apply]	<b>0.9%</b>
[DK]	<b>5.6%</b>

**7B. Charter Schools (also: Public Charter Schools)**

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
A	<b>12.8%</b>
B	<b>17.2%</b>
C	<b>13.7%</b>
D	<b>5.0%</b>
F	<b>3.3%</b>
[Does Not Apply]	<b>9.2%</b>
[DK]	<b>38.8%</b>

**7C. Private Schools (also: Independent Schools, Parochial Schools, Religious Schools)**

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
A	<b>26.1%</b>
B	<b>32.0%</b>
C	<b>8.0%</b>

D	1.6%
F	2.3%
[Does Not Apply]	5.5%
[DK]	24.5%

**[IF NEEDED/REQUESTED, DEFINITION OF “CHARTER SCHOOL”:  
“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.”]**

**8c. Split C. If you had the option to select any kind of school for your child, what type of school would you choose to give her/him the best education possible?**

TOTAL ANSWERING	301
UNWEIGHTED BASE	297
Public Charter School	16.3%
Homeschool	6.9%
Private School [also: Independent Schools, Parochial Schools, Religious]	31.5%
Regular Public School [also: Traditional Public School, District School]	41.0%
[DK]	3.5%
[Refused]	0.9%

**[IF NEEDED/REQUESTED, DEFINITION OF “PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL”:  
“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.”]**

**8d. Split D. If you had the option to select any kind of school for your child, and expense is not an issue, what type of school would you choose to give her/him the best education possible?**

TOTAL ANSWERING	299
UNWEIGHTED BASE	304

Public Charter School	<b>9.6%</b>
Homeschool	<b>11.9%</b>
Private School ["Parochial School," "Religious School," "Independent School"]	<b>45.6%</b>
Regular Public School ["Traditional Public School," "District School"]	<b>30.1%</b>
[DK]	<b>2.8%</b>
[Refused]	-

**[IF NEEDED/REQUESTED, DEFINITION OF “PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL”:  
“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.”]**

8cD. If you had the option to select any kind of school for your child, what type of school would you choose to give her/him the best education possible?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
Public Charter School	<b>13.0%</b>
Homeschool	<b>9.4%</b>
Private School	<b>38.5%</b>
Regular Public School	<b>35.6%</b>
[DK]	<b>3.1%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.4%</b>

**“For the remainder of this interview, if you are completely unsure about your answer or have no feelings for an answer, feel free to say “I Don’t Know”.”  
[ENTER AS “DK”]**

9. How familiar are you with “public charter schools” in K–12 education?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: EXTREMELY/ VERY/ MODERATELY FAMILIAR</b>	<b>32.7%</b>
<b>NET: EXTREMELY/ VERY FAMILIAR</b>	<b>12.0%</b>
Extremely Familiar	<b>3.4%</b>
Very Familiar	<b>8.6%</b>

Moderately Familiar	20.6%
<b>NET: SLIGHTLY/ NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR</b>	<b>62.6%</b>
Slightly Familiar	26.4%
Not At All Familiar	36.2%
[DK]	4.5%
[Refused]	0.3%
MEAN	3.87
MEDIAN	4.00

10. Based on what you know, or have heard from others... In general, do you favor or oppose public charter schools? [PROBE:] Would you say strongly or somewhat favor/oppose? [ALLOW "DK" OR "REFUSE" ON FIRST RESPONSE]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
<b>NET: FAVOR</b>	<b>52.5%</b>
Strongly Favor	22.8%
Somewhat Favor	29.8%
<b>NET: OPPOSE</b>	<b>28.2%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	14.8%
Strongly Oppose	13.4%
[Never Heard of Public Charter Schools, or DK]	18.1%
[Refused]	1.2%
MEAN	2.23
MEDIAN	2.00

11. 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. In general, do you favor or oppose charter schools? [PROBE:] Would you say strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
<b>NET: FAVOR</b>	<b>55.0%</b>
Strongly Favor	25.2%

Somewhat Favor	<b>29.8%</b>
<b>NET: OPPOSE</b>	<b>34.1%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	<b>16.3%</b>
Strongly Oppose	<b>17.8%</b>
[DK]	<b>10.0%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.9%</b>
MEAN	<b>2.30</b>
MEDIAN	<b>2.00</b>

12. How familiar are you with “tax-credit-funded scholarships” in K–12 education?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: EXTREMELY/ VERY/ MODERATELY FAMILIAR</b>	<b>20.8%</b>
<b>NET: EXTREMELY/ VERY FAMILIAR</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
Extremely Familiar	<b>1.1%</b>
Very Familiar	<b>7.4%</b>
Moderately Familiar	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>NET: SLIGHTLY/ NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR</b>	<b>76.0%</b>
Slightly Familiar	<b>15.1%</b>
Not At All Familiar	<b>60.9%</b>
[DK]	<b>3.1%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.1%</b>
MEAN	<b>4.32</b>
MEDIAN	<b>5.00</b>

13. Based on what you know, or have heard from others... In general, do you favor or oppose tax-credit-funded scholarships in K–12 education? [PROBE:] Would you say strongly or somewhat favor/oppose? [ALLOW “DK” OR “REFUSE” ON FIRST RESPONSE]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: FAVOR</b>	<b>40.7%</b>
Strongly Favor	<b>15.5%</b>
Somewhat Favor	<b>25.2%</b>
<b>NET: OPPOSE</b>	<b>23.9%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	<b>8.4%</b>

Strongly Oppose	<b>15.5%</b>
[Never Heard of Tax- Credit-funded Scholarships (or similar), or DK]	<b>34.2%</b>
[Refused]	<b>1.2%</b>
MEAN	<b>2.37</b>
MEDIAN	<b>2.00</b>

14. A tax credit allows an individual or business to reduce the final amount of a tax owed to government. In a tax-credit scholarship system, a state government gives tax credits to individuals or businesses if they contribute money to nonprofit organizations that distribute private school scholarships. [] New Hampshire enacted such a “tax-credit scholarship program” in 2012, called the Education Tax Credit Program. The program’s nonprofit scholarship organizations provide scholarships to low-and-middle income students so they can attend a private school of their choice, including both religious and non-religious schools. In general, do you favor or oppose this tax-credit scholarship program? **[PROBE:]** Would you say strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: FAVOR</b>	<b>61.1%</b>
Strongly Favor	<b>29.1%</b>
Somewhat Favor	<b>32.0%</b>
<b>NET: OPPOSE</b>	<b>33.0%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	<b>13.3%</b>
Strongly Oppose	<b>19.7%</b>
[DK]	<b>5.8%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.2%</b>
MEAN	<b>2.25</b>
MEDIAN	<b>2.00</b>

15. How familiar are you with “education savings accounts” in K–12 education?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: EXTREMELY/ VERY/ MODERATELY FAMILIAR</b>	<b>22.2%</b>
<b>NET: EXTREMELY/ VERY FAMILIAR</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
Extremely Familiar	<b>2.2%</b>
Very Familiar	<b>6.1%</b>

Moderately Familiar	<b>13.9%</b>
<b>NET: SLIGHTLY/ NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR</b>	<b>76.1%</b>
Slightly Familiar	<b>20.1%</b>
Not At All Familiar	<b>56.0%</b>
[DK]	<b>1.5%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.1%</b>
MEAN	<b>4.24</b>
MEDIAN	<b>5.00</b>

16. Based on what you know, or have heard from others... In general, do you favor or oppose education savings accounts in K–12 education? [PROBE:] Would you say strongly or somewhat favor/oppose? [ALLOW “DK” OR “REFUSE” ON FIRST RESPONSE]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: FAVOR</b>	<b>45.0%</b>
Strongly Favor	<b>17.1%</b>
Somewhat Favor	<b>27.9%</b>
<b>NET: OPPOSE</b>	<b>17.5%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	<b>9.1%</b>
Strongly Oppose	<b>8.4%</b>
[Never Heard of Education Savings Accounts, or DK]	<b>35.5%</b>
[Refused]	<b>2.0%</b>
MEAN	<b>2.14</b>
MEDIAN	<b>2.00</b>

17. An "education savings account" in K–12 education – often called an ESA – allows parents to take their child out of a public district or charter school, and receive a payment into a government-authorized savings account with restricted, but multiple uses. Parents can then use these funds to pay for: private school tuition; tutoring; online education programs; therapies for special needs; some combination with a public school offering; or save for future college expenses. In general, do you favor or oppose an ESA system? [PROBE:] Would you say strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: FAVOR</b>	<b>57.2%</b>

Strongly Favor	<b>27.3%</b>
Somewhat Favor	<b>29.9%</b>
<b>NET: OPPOSE</b>	<b>34.5%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	<b>12.1%</b>
Strongly Oppose	<b>22.5%</b>
[DK]	<b>8.2%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.1%</b>
MEAN	<b>2.32</b>
MEDIAN	<b>2.00</b>

18. This year, the New Hampshire Legislature is considering a proposal to enact an education savings account (ESA) program. If enacted, this program would be eligible to students who are currently attending public district and charter schools, or incoming kindergarten students. [] ESA accounts would be worth approximately \$3,200 and may be worth up to nearly \$7,800 depending on a student’s financial or educational needs. Parents may use ESA funds for: tuition at public district, public charter or private school; instructional materials; tutoring; fees for student testing; therapies for special needs; education-related transportation; a college savings account; in-state college expenses; or save for future K–12 education expenses. In general, do you favor or oppose this ESA proposal? **[PROBE:]** Would you say strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: FAVOR</b>	<b>58.4%</b>
Strongly Favor	<b>28.6%</b>
Somewhat Favor	<b>29.8%</b>
<b>NET: OPPOSE</b>	<b>30.7%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	<b>13.6%</b>
Strongly Oppose	<b>17.2%</b>
[DK]	<b>10.4%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.5%</b>
MEAN	<b>2.22</b>
MEDIAN	<b>2.00</b>

19. Partial Based on Q18 (If Q18 = “Strongly Favor” or “Somewhat Favor”)  
What is the most important reason you say you **favor education savings accounts (ESAs)**? Is your main reason that such a system provides:



19\_1. What is the most important reason you say you FAVOR EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS [ESAs]? Is your main reason that such a system provides:

TOTAL ANSWERING	351
UNWEIGHTED BASE	342
Access to Religious Instruction	3.9%
Access to Safer Learning Environment	7.5%
Access to Better Academic Environment	35.1%
Focus on More Individual Attention	19.3%
More Freedom and Flexibility for Parents	28.5%
[Something Else/Other]	4.4%
[DK]	1.2%
[Refused]	0.2%

**[IF NEEDED/REQUESTED, REMINDER DEFINITION OF “ESA”:** An ESA allows parents to take their child out of a public district or charter school, and receive a payment into a government-authorized savings account with restricted, but multiple uses. Parents can then use these funds to pay for: private school tuition; tutoring; online education programs; therapies for special needs; some combination with a public school offering; or save for future college expenses.]

**Partial Based on Q18. (If Q18 = “Strongly Oppose” or “Somewhat Oppose”)**  
 What is the most important reason you say you oppose education savings accounts (ESAs)? Is your main reason that such a system would:

19\_2. What is the most important reason you say you OPPOSE EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS [ESAs]? Is your main reason that such a system would:

TOTAL ANSWERING	185
UNWEIGHTED BASE	191
Benefit Unaccountable Private Education Providers	8.5%
Cause Fraudulent Behavior	17.7%
Cause Student Transportation Problems	4.2%
Divert Funding Away from Public Schools	53.4%
Send Funding to Religious Education Providers	6.3%
[Something Else/Other]	6.4%
[DK]	2.5%

[Refused]	0.9%
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20e. **Split E.** Some people believe that ESAs should be available to all families, regardless of incomes and special needs. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? [PROBE:] Would you say strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?

TOTAL ANSWERING	301
UNWEIGHTED BASE	301
<b>NET: AGREE</b>	<b>60.7%</b>
Strongly Agree	34.7%
Somewhat Agree	26.0%
<b>NET: DISAGREE</b>	<b>32.0%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	9.5%
Strongly Disagree	22.5%
[DK]	5.9%
[Refused]	1.4%
MEAN	2.21
MEDIAN	2.00

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20f. **Split F.** Some people believe that ESAs should only be available to families based on financial need. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? [PROBE:] Would you say strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	299
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	300
<b>NET: AGREE</b>	<b>37.0%</b>
Strongly Agree	<b>17.3%</b>
Somewhat Agree	<b>19.7%</b>
<b>NET: DISAGREE</b>	<b>54.5%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	<b>21.8%</b>
Strongly Disagree	<b>32.7%</b>
[DK]	<b>7.9%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.6%</b>
MEAN	<b>2.76</b>
MEDIAN	<b>3.00</b>

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21. Thinking ahead to the next election, if a candidate for Governor, State Senator, or State Representative supports education savings accounts (ESAs), would that make you more likely to vote for him or her, less likely, or make no difference whatsoever in your voting?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
More Likely	<b>37.9%</b>
Less Likely	<b>21.0%</b>
No Difference	<b>34.1%</b>
[DK]	<b>6.6%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.4%</b>

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**“Now the following questions should be pretty quick, and for statistical purposes only...”**

22. Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
Democrat	<b>28.2%</b>
Republican	<b>30.9%</b>
Independent	<b>36.8%</b>
[Libertarian]	<b>0.3%</b>
[Other]	<b>3.1%</b>
[DK]	<b>0.2%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.5%</b>

23. How would you best describe where you live?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	601
Urban	<b>32.3%</b>
Suburban	<b>13.6%</b>
Small Town	<b>34.8%</b>
Rural	<b>18.4%</b>
[DK]	<b>0.7%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.2%</b>

24. What is your age? [RECORD #]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	601
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<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b>NET: 18-34</b>	<b>17.6%</b>
18 - 24	<b>7.4%</b>
25 - 34	<b>10.2%</b>
<b>NET: 35-54</b>	<b>33.1%</b>
35 - 44	<b>15.0%</b>
45 - 54	<b>18.1%</b>
<b>NET: 55+</b>	<b>48.3%</b>
55 - 64	<b>23.4%</b>
65+	<b>24.9%</b>
REFUSED	<b>1.0%</b>
MEAN	<b>52.20</b>
MEDIAN	<b>54.00</b>

25. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
Yes	<b>2.2%</b>
No	<b>97.2%</b>
[DK]	<b>0.2%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.4%</b>

26. Which of the following best describes your race? [READ LIST]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
Asian [or Pacific Islander]	<b>0.5%</b>
Black [or African American]	<b>0.8%</b>
Mixed Race	<b>0.7%</b>
Native American [or American Indian]	<b>0.5%</b>
White	<b>96.3%</b>
[Other]:	<b>0.1%</b>
[DK]	<b>0.3%</b>
[Refused]	<b>0.7%</b>

27. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school? [DO NOT READ CATEGORIES]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b><i>NET: LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL</i></b>	<b><i>2.5%</i></b>
8th Grade or Less	<b><i>0.5%</i></b>
Some High School [Grades 9-11]	<b><i>2.0%</i></b>
High school Graduate [Grade 12 or GED Certificate]	<b><i>16.1%</i></b>
<b><i>NET: TECH/SOME COLLEGE</i></b>	<b><i>31.1%</i></b>
Technical, Trade, or Vocational School [AFTER High School]	<b><i>7.1%</i></b>
Some College [Associate's Degree, No 4-Yr Degree]	<b><i>24.0%</i></b>
<b><i>NET: COLLEGE GRAD OR MORE</i></b>	<b><i>49.9%</i></b>
College Graduate [Bachelor's Degree., or Other 4-Yr Degree]	<b><i>28.9%</i></b>
Post-Graduate Training or Professional Schooling After College [e.g., Toward	<b><i>20.9%</i></b>
[DK]	<b><i>0.1%</i></b>
[Refused]	<b><i>0.4%</i></b>

28. Please stop me when I read the category that best describes your current annual household income, before taxes? [READ LIST]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	<i>601</i>
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	<i>601</i>
<b><i>NET: LESS THAN \$40,000</i></b>	<b><i>17.4%</i></b>
Less than \$20,000	<b><i>6.6%</i></b>
\$20,000 to less than \$40,000	<b><i>10.7%</i></b>
<b><i>NET: \$40,000 TO LESS THAN \$80,000</i></b>	<b><i>34.4%</i></b>
\$40,000 to less than \$60,000	<b><i>15.5%</i></b>
\$60,000 to less than \$80,000	<b><i>18.9%</i></b>
<b><i>NET: \$80,000 OR MORE</i></b>	<b><i>39.7%</i></b>
\$80,000 to less than \$100,000	<b><i>13.0%</i></b>
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	<b><i>13.7%</i></b>
\$150,000 or more	<b><i>12.9%</i></b>
[DK]	<b><i>2.5%</i></b>
[Refused]	<b><i>6.1%</i></b>

**[PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING TEXT AVAILABLE TO INTERVIEWERS ANYTIME A RESPONDENT ASKS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE SURVEY SPONSOR OR ABOUT EDCHOICE]**

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LL1. Now thinking about your phone usage, do you have a working cell phone?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	241
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	241
Yes	<b>89.5%</b>
No	<b>8.4%</b>
[DO NOT READ] DON'T KNOW/ REFUSED	<b>2.1%</b>

LL2. Does someone else in your household have a working cell phone?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	25
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	29
Yes	<b>22.1%</b>
No	<b>57.7%</b>
[DO NOT READ] DON'T KNOW/ REFUSED	<b>20.3%</b>

CC. Now thinking about your phone usage, do you have a working home phone?

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	359
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	360
Yes	<b>45.4%</b>
No	<b>54.3%</b>

[DO NOT READ] DON'T KNOW/ REFUSED	<b>0.3%</b>
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PP. Of all the phone calls you and your household receive, are...? [READ LIST]

<i>TOTAL ANSWERING</i>	385
<i>UNWEIGHTED BASE</i>	383
All or most calls received on your cell phone	<b>33.2%</b>
Some calls received on your cell phone and some on your home phone, or	<b>42.7%</b>
Very few or no calls received on your cell phone?	<b>22.5%</b>
[DO NOT READ] DON'T KNOW/ REFUSED	<b>1.6%</b>