

Education Reform Now Advocacy - Georgia & North Carolina Polling Highlights

[HIT Strategies](#) conducted a statewide survey in Georgia and North Carolina of 800 voters; 400 in each state (with additional oversamples of African Americans and Parents).

Pressing Education System Issues: What do you think is the most important issue facing your state's K - 12 public schools today?

	Total	GA	NC	AA	Parents
COVID-19 distance learning	57%	58%	56%	64%	62%
Lack of funding	11%	11%	11%	10%	8%
Safety/security	9%	8%	9%	7%	7%
Concerns about standards/quality of education	6%	6%	6%	3%	4%
Inadequate preparation for college/life skills	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%
Concerns about curriculum	4%	2%	5%	3%	6%
Large class sizes	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%
Too much testing	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Quality of teachers	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

School Health & Safety: Would you support or oppose the following measures if schools in your area implemented them this fall?

Total Support (Strongly/Somewhat)	Total	GA	NC	AA	Parents
Teachers considered high risk for severe illness continuing to teach online, while low-risk teachers teach in person	66%	67%	66%	54%	69%
Prioritizing in-person instruction for the most academically at-risk students	60%	60%	61%	51%	64%
Students and teachers returning to school 2-3 days a week, with distance learning on the other days	58%	60%	56%	55%	61%
Schools adjusting their calendars to begin earlier in the summer and continue into the following summer	38%	35%	41%	34%	36%

Students and teachers returning to school before there is a coronavirus vaccine	36%	37%	35%	20%	40%
Students and teachers returning to school 5 days a week	31%	34%	28%	19%	36%

Public School Choice: Across each state and municipality there are many different charter school options for parents and students. For each of the following charter school access options, please select if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose or don't know/refuse using that option.

Total support (Strongly/Somewhat)	Total	GA	NC	AA	Parents
Expand access to more choices and options within the public-school system, including magnet schools, career academies, and public charter schools.	73%	74%	72%	69%	75%
Expand access to public charter schools, but put tougher accountability rules in place to make sure charter schools are putting their students' needs first.	68%	71%	65%	68%	71%
Putting a nationwide moratorium in place to ban all federal funding for new charter schools.	24%	24%	24%	22%	29%

Survey Methodology. These findings are from a proprietary survey conducted by HIT Strategies on behalf of Education Reform Now Advocacy. This survey consisted of 400 registered voters each in Georgia and North Carolina from all political viewpoints with a 100-person oversample each of African American, and Parents. The survey was conducted via a double opt-in online panel. The survey fielded from July 23rd – July 31st, 2020, and the margin of error is +/- 4.9% within each state with a confidence level of 95%. MOE is higher within subgroups.