



Magellan Strategies

Colorado Education Issues Survey Topline Results

Magellan Strategies are pleased to present the topline results of a 731n survey of live phone and online interviews of registered voters in the state of Colorado. The online interviews were conducted April 22th – May 1st, 2019. The phone interviews were conducted May 8th – 9th, 2019. This survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.54% at the 95 percent confidence interval. This survey was weighted slightly based upon voter registration demographics.

T1. Are you registered to vote in Colorado?

Yes..... 100%

T2. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, a Democrat, an unaffiliated voter, are you registered with some other party?

Unaffiliated..... 39%
Democrat..... 30%
Republican..... 29%
Other 2%

T3. How important is the issue of public education to you personally?

Extremely Important..... 37%
Very Important..... 38%
Somewhat Important..... 21%
Not Important at All 4%
Unsure or Refused..... 0%

T4. When thinking about public education across the country, do you think the federal government should be more involved in public education than it currently is, should keep its involvement about the same, or should the federal government be less involved in public education?

More Involved.....	34%
Stay the Same.....	26%
Less Involved	35%
Unsure or Refused.....	5%

T5. Regardless if you have a child in your household or not, among the following characteristics of a public school, which one you think is the most important? (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

Having strong academic standards.....	30%
Fostering a positive learning environment	19%
Quality of teaching staff	17%
School safety and security	17%
Offering different extracurricular activities	7%
Discipline in the classroom	5%
Good teacher to parent communication.....	2%
Other	1%
Unsure or Refused.....	2%

T6. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of public schools in Colorado?

Total Favorable	58%
Total Unfavorable	31%
Very Favorable.....	11%
Somewhat Favorable.....	47%
Very Unfavorable.....	7%
Somewhat Unfavorable.....	24%
Unsure or No Opinion	11%
Refused	0%

T7. Being as descriptive as possible, please tell us why you have a favorable opinion of public schools in Colorado. (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

**Verbatim responses in separate document.*



T8. Being as descriptive as possible, please tell us why you have an unfavorable opinion of public schools in Colorado. (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

**Verbatim responses in separate document.*

T9. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of charter schools in Colorado?

Total Favorable	43%
Total Unfavorable	22%
Very Favorable.....	12%
Somewhat Favorable.....	31%
Very Unfavorable.....	7%
Somewhat Unfavorable.....	15%
Unsure or No Opinion	35%
Refused	0%

T10. Being as descriptive as possible, please tell us why you have a favorable opinion of charter schools in Colorado. (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

**Verbatim responses in separate document.*

T11. Being as descriptive as possible, please tell us why you have an unfavorable opinion of charter schools in Colorado. (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

**Verbatim responses in separate document.*

T12. Do you approve or disapprove of the job your local public schools are doing educating and preparing students for the future?

Total Approve	59%
Total Disapprove.....	32%
Strongly Approve	11%
Somewhat Approve.....	48%
Strongly Disapprove.....	11%
Somewhat Disapprove	21%
Unsure or No Opinion	9%
Refused	0%



T13. Do you believe parents in Colorado already have the freedom to choose which school their child attends OR do you think more needs to be done to give parents in Colorado greater freedom in their school choices?

Parents Already Have Freedom47%
More Needs to be Done.....40%
Unsure or No Opinion13%
Refused0%

T14. Regardless if you are parent or not, if you could choose any type of school for your child to provide them the best education possible would you choose a public school, a charter school, a private school or would you home school?

Public School41%
Private School28%
Charter School16%
Home School8%
Unsure or No Opinion7%
Refused0%

T15. In your own words being as descriptive as possible, please tell us why you would choose a INSERT T14 ANSWER. (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

**Verbatim responses in separate document.*

T16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Local school districts are spending too much time preparing for and taking standardized tests.”

Total Agree67%
Total Disagree.....20%

Strongly Agree.....33%
Somewhat Agree34%
Strongly Disagree5%
Somewhat Disagree15%

Unsure or No Opinion13%
Refused0%



T17. Do you think public schools in Colorado are underfunded?

Yes.....67%
No20%
Unsure or No Opinion13%
Refused0%

T18. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “School districts in Colorado effectively manage their financial resources and spend taxpayer money wisely.”

Total Agree36%
Total Disagree.....50%

Strongly Agree.....15%
Somewhat Agree21%
Strongly Disagree24%
Somewhat Disagree26%

Unsure or No Opinion14%
Refused0%

T19. Do you support or oppose state funded, full day kindergarten, regardless of the cost to Colorado taxpayers? (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

Total Support61%
Total Oppose27%

Strongly Support.....36%
Somewhat Support25%
Strongly Oppose15%
Somewhat Oppose.....12%

Unsure or No Opinion12%
Refused0%

T20. Do you think public school teachers are underpaid in Colorado?

Yes.....74%
No18%
Unsure or Refused.....8%



T21. Please tell us why you think public school teachers in Colorado are underpaid. (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

*Verbatim responses in separate document.

T22. Please tell US why you do not think public school teachers in Colorado are underpaid. (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

*Verbatim responses in separate document.

T23. Do you think public schools in Colorado are very safe, somewhat safe or not safe at all for students? (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

Very Safe..... 11%
Somewhat Safe..... 71%
Not Safe at All..... 8%
Unsure or No Opinion..... 9%
Refused..... 1%

T24. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “The public education in Colorado system is setting up students for success in the future.” (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

Total Agree 63%
Total Disagree..... 26%

Strongly Agree..... 10%
Somewhat Agree..... 53%
Strongly Disagree..... 10%
Somewhat Disagree 16%

Unsure or No Opinion 11%
Refused..... 0%

T25. How important is a college education today? Is it very important, somewhat important or not too important at all? (Asked to the online survey only, 515n, +/- 4.38% MoE)

Very Important..... 43%
Somewhat Important..... 45%
Not Important at All 8%
Unsure or Refused..... 4%



T26. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Colorado Public High Schools should do more to focus on vocational training, or teaching students the skills and knowledge required for a specific job or trade, such as a welder, cosmetologist, healthcare assistant, or construction worker?”

Total Agree	83%
Total Disagree.....	10%
Strongly Agree.....	49%
Somewhat Agree.....	34%
Strongly Disagree.....	4%
Somewhat Disagree	6%
Unsure or No Opinion.....	7%
Refused.....	0%

T27. As you may know, a school voucher program allows parents to allocate public funding towards their child’s education at a private school of their choice, including religiously affiliated private schools. Knowing this, do you support or oppose a school voucher program?

Total Support	50%
Total Oppose	37%
Strongly Support.....	24%
Somewhat Support.....	26%
Strongly Oppose	24%
Somewhat Oppose.....	13%
Unsure or No Opinion.....	13%
Refused.....	0%

T28. Do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate or liberal in your political beliefs?

Conservative	32%
Moderate	37%
Liberal.....	29%
Unsure or Refused.....	2%



And now I have a few questions for statistical purposes only...

T29. Do you have a child in your household attending a Colorado public school, a charter school, a private school or currently being home schooled?

Total Yes	31%
No	68%
Yes, Public School	23%
Yes, Charter School	3%
Yes, Private School	4%
Yes, Home School	1%
Refused	1%

T30. Are you or a member of your family employed by a Colorado Public School District?

Yes	13%
No	86%
Refused	1%

T31. How would you describe the area where you currently live? Would you say you live in...

A Suburban Area	49%
A Big City	22%
A Small Town	15%
A Rural Area	14%
Don't Know or Refused	0%

T32. Are you male or female?

Women	52%
Men	48%

T33. Which of the following age groups applies to you?



18-34.....	24%
35-44.....	18%
45-54.....	17%
55-64.....	18%
65+.....	23%
Unsure or No Opinion.....	0%

T34. What is your racial or ethnic background? Do you consider yourself to be..

White.....	80%
Hispanic or Latino.....	13%
Black or African American.....	2%
Other.....	4%
Refused.....	1%

T35. What is your current marital status?

Married.....	57%
Single, Never Been Married.....	21%
Divorced.....	11%
Single, Living with Partner.....	5%
Widowed.....	4%
Other.....	1%
Refused.....	1%

T36. What was the total amount of income in your household last year before taxes?

Less than \$50,000.....	34%
\$51,000 to \$75,000.....	21%
\$76,000 to \$125,000.....	22%
More than \$126,000.....	15%
Refused.....	8%

Survey Methodology

This phone portion of the survey was conducted by live dialing landline and cell phone sample. The online survey was conducted using Prodege online panel. The sample used for this survey was randomly drawn from a state of Colorado voter file. The survey response data was weighted slightly on voter registration demographics. The online interviews were conducted April 22th – May 1st, 2019. The phone interviews were conducted May 8th – 9th, 2019. This survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.54% at the 95 percent confidence interval.



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