

**Colorado 2021 Education Issues Survey**

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Sex	Age	CD	Grade	School	Response
M	18-40	1	Elem	Public	Because all necessary things that I expect are met.
M	18-40	1	High	Public	Before Covid restrictions with masks in the school and the restrictions, I felt very comfortable with the learning environment and social aspects of the school my oldest attends.
F	18-40	1	Elem	Public	Masking children is the least we can do, having children unprotected in schools is NEGLIGENT. This means all staff needs to be vaccinated, and children need to be masked. Also, a remote option should be readily available for any parents who do NOT want their child to attend in person school.
F	18-40	1	High	Public	Public's school good.
F	18-40	1	K	Public	Requiring masks for all students and staff.
F	18-40	1	K	Public	Teachers and administrators are working hard and beginning to understand historic and systemic inequities in education.
M	18-40	1	High	Public	They are taking the health risks of COVID 19 seriously. I appreciate the mask mandates because it show that the schools are prioritizing in person education but still mitigating health risks.
F	41-54	1	Elem	Private	Because staff will need to get vaccinated and all students will have to wear masks.
O	41-54	1	Middle	Public	Caution concerning Covid-19.
F	41-54	1	High	Public	Getting kids back in person and allowing the parents to decide if their child should wear a mask or not.
F	41-54	1	High	Public	Getting them back in person.
F	41-54	1	High	Public	I am very happy the kids are back in school. I think that is very important. I think masks are a good idea for all students now because I know tons of vaccinated people who have gotten the virus.
F	41-54	1	Elem	Charter	I think MY school in particular -Highline Academy SE had done an amazing job of handling things thus far and I have full confidence in their abilities to do the same moving forward. I can't speak to any other schools, though.
F	41-54	1	High	Public	The Cherry Creek schools are embracing new learning, specifically offering opportunities for job training while in school and internships with prominent companies.
F	41-54	1	High	Public	The district made a clear decision based on safety for masks. I feel our high school has had good communication. The middle school principal sucks.
F	41-54	1	High	Public	They are following ball Health protocols.
F	41-54	1	Elem	Other	Way to specific to answer via my phone.
M	41-54	1	Middle	Public	We aren't being run by mobs of idiotic people who aren't following science.
F	41-54	1	Middle	Public	With the exception of too many charter schools, our neighborhood schools in Central Park have great teachers and administrators for the most part.

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F	18-40	2	Elem	Public	Free lunches and other factors that help students in our community.
F	18-40	2	Middle	Charter	I appreciate the level of caution in regards to covid, wearing masks, focus on student, staff and community safety while also trying to educated our children to the best of their abilities!
F	18-40	2	Elem	Public	I hate how schools are financed but our kids are doing well despite lack of funding. I like the social emotional development as well as academics in the area.
M	18-40	2	Elem	Charter	My kid is learning.
F	18-40	2	Elem	Public	No talk of 1619 or CRITICAL RACE THEORY. Leave that crap out of our schools.
M	18-40	2	High	Public	Reopening.
F	18-40	2	High	Public	Requiring masks. Teaching with a lens of decolonization. Working to be inclusive to Black, Brown indigenous histories, cultures and current issues. Inclusive of LGBTQ+ Period products being available to all kids no matter the genders. Snow days need to be called tho, don't use zoom. Kids deserve snow days. The teachers at public schools are incredible humans. The district however, still bloated and fake positions. I'm looking forward to this new Superintendent. Hopefully he address racism and the \$100k+ salaries for the district while teachers had to strike to get more money and it's still not enough for what they do and have done. Especially during covid.
O	18-40	2	High	Other	School is helpful for children.
M	18-40	2	K	Public	The steps to protect my kid from covid have been great and could of course get better. Other than that I wish they would raise academic standards for all of our students!
F	18-40	2	High	Charter	They are enforcing a mask mandate and also educating parents of students 12 and up with getting a vaccine.
F	18-40	2	Elem	Public	They are not forcing mask mandates, or vaccines.
M	18-40	2	Elem	Public	We're moving to a more flexible school schedule where children spend more time home with their parents on Fridays and we're more health focused.
F	18-40	2	Elem	Public	What are you fishing for here?
F	41-54	2	High	Public	100% in person learning.
F	41-54	2	Middle	Public	5 day school week with masks!
F	41-54	2	Middle	Public	Back to in person.
M	41-54	2	High	Public	Engaging diversity.
F	41-54	2	High	Public	Focus on hands on learning, critical thinking.

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M	41-54	2	Middle	Public	Good teachers, admin adapts to changing situations appropriately, not driven by populism.
F	41-54	2	High	Public	I think they are doing the best they can but they have a LONG way to go
F	41-54	2	Elem	Public	IB school and progressive thinkers.
F	41-54	2	Elem	Public	Inclusive
M	41-54	2	Elem	Public	Kids are all doing well and we have had nothing but positive experiences with all teachers and staff
F	41-54	2	Middle	Public	Masks to decrease COVID spread but all other parts to school are normal
F	41-54	2	Elem	Charter	No vaccine opportunities for Elementary age children that will all be in school full time. This could spread COVID . Seems risky
F	41-54	2	Elem	Charter	Overall, our school has done a good job of blending leaning elements and public health safety well.
F	41-54	2	High	Public	Parents and children in my area are not getting vaccinated so I feel my vaccinated child needs to be protected from these people as much as possible and wearing a mask while inside is the best option at the moment.
F	41-54	2	High	Public	Required masks
F	41-54	2	Middle	Public	Safety protocols
M	41-54	2	High	Public	Starting to address lack of equity and diversity, looking at the policies regarding SRO programs,
M	41-54	2	High	Private	They are doing the best they can to address COVID. Last year was tough for teachers, parents, and educators all around. I am optimistic they are better prepared to teach students in a COVID environment.
M	41-54	2	Elem	Public	They are requiring masks for all teachers, students, etc.
F	41-54	2	High	Public	They did well keeping my student in school in person during Covid and they are not mandating mask wearing.
F	41-54	2	K	Charter	They focus on community, social and emotional skills more than just academic. Child guided learning.
F	41-54	2	High	Public	We have a wonderful leadership, and my kids thrive in their schools.
F	41-54	2	High	Public	Well organized great at communicating, large variety of classes and activities
M	55+	2	High	Public	Decent curriculum; plenty of AP and IB options
M	55+	2	High	Public	Giving chives to assist to school
M	18-40	3	Middle	Public	Back to in person learning, no mask requirements, no vaccine requirements. No CRT.
F	18-40	3	Elem	Public	Clear communication on covid protocols and metrics for protocol changes.
F	18-40	3	Elem	Public	Considerate about COVID, masking mandates, emphasis on outdoor time
F	18-40	3	Elem	Public	Great teachers, following rules for pandemic, exceptional one on one time with students
F	18-40	3	Elem	Charter	I like that we are having in-person learning for this year.
F	18-40	3	K	Public	Masks

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F	18-40	3	High	Public	Masks are optional!
F	18-40	3	Middle	Public	Schools open. Sick people stay home. Masks are optional.
M	18-40	3	Middle	Public	Simply education
F	18-40	3	Elem	Public	They are teaching history as it should be taught, no just focusing on the good things but looking at the systemic racism the US has perpetrated throughout its colonizing history.
F	18-40	3	High	Public	They work hard to listen to parents concerns and implement them
F	18-40	3	Elem	Public	Top scores in the district very well educated teachers and goals for the students are structured
M	41-54	3	Elem	Public	Because I am an optimistic person in general. It's not necessarily anything they've done, it's more just my personal outlook on life.
M	41-54	3	Middle	Public	Being in a tough political and pandemic environment I believe the teachers are doing the best they can for both sides
F	41-54	3	High	Public	Covid safe
F	41-54	3	Elem	Public	District 70 has always been ahead of 60 better teachers and studies
F	41-54	3	High	Other	Goal academy is teaching my kids what they need to learn to pursue a bright future, and doesn't bring the extra unnecessary classes to the kids.
F	41-54	3	High	Public	Intelligent, caring leadership. Following state guidelines. Accepting community and staff input. Encouraging good communication and information exchange
F	41-54	3	Middle	Charter	Our charter school has kids outdoors extensively every day, teaches them respect for their peers and teachers and has small classrooms that are conducive to learning and ensuring no child is overlooked.
M	41-54	3	Elem	Public	They are good schools
F	55+	3	High	Public	Local control
M	55+	3	High	Public	Masks are allowed
F	18-40	4	Elem	Public	Getting everything cleaned, sanitized, getting new supplies to help children learn.
M	18-40	4	Elem	Public	Hoping for no masks
F	18-40	4	High	Public	I'm glad the district has chosen to go back to in person learning and I think that the decision to mask is a wise one. Everyone in our family is completely vaccinated But I appreciate the district being as safe as possible due to the fact that there are so many out there that are not vaccinated and choosing not to be vaccinated.
F	18-40	4	K	Public	They are doing what is best for children, while keeping the safety of the public as a priority.
F	18-40	4	K	Public	They are making mask optional and giving us the right to chose
M	18-40	4	Elem	Public	They doing good for care of student

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F	18-40	4	Middle	Public	We have been happy with our school district and have no reason at this time to be concerned.
F	41-54	4	Elem	Public	Back in person, with masks.
F	41-54	4	High	Public	Good class options.
F	41-54	4	High	Public	Great options for learning
F	41-54	4	High	Public	I feel they are still top notch but need additional tools to help them excel in getting students to do the same.
F	41-54	4	K	Public	I like that they are focused on new learning styles and project based learning and focus less on testing.
F	41-54	4	Elem	Other	I think its correct to there ti be an alternative way to visit school online only due to covid
F	41-54	4	High	Charter	I think they are doing what they can, to keep students back in school "engaged and ready to learn" — regarding to students, I think they are making right decisions. The teachers and staff should be mandated to get vaccinated.
F	41-54	4	High	Public	I think you should leave it up to the parents to make there own decisions
F	41-54	4	Middle	Public	In person classes
F	41-54	4	Elem	Public	In person is a must
M	41-54	4	High	Public	Or school district does what's necessary for the kids first. They don't follow the political rhetoric and bull shit.
F	41-54	4	High	Public	Small community with good core values.
F	41-54	4	High	Public	There are many concurrent options and CTE courses.
M	41-54	4	High	Public	They are back to live learning
F	55+	4	K	Public	Communication has been constant and concerns about COVID have been communicated. I believe all schools will need to revamp programs to close the learning gaps. I think many students will be behind but it's not the schools fault, I think they did a good job considering everything they had to figure out.
F	18-40	5	Elem	Public	Back to school in person without masks. Prepandemic approach.
M	18-40	5	Elem	Public	Except for common core math, the school is on the right path.
F	18-40	5	Middle	Charter	I understand my kid have all the help and guidance from the teachers. Because is a charter school some time required more assistance per student. The staff it's short but efficient. Maybe if the education system provides more monetary help to this school so they can hire more personnel per student.

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F	18-40	5	Middle	Public	Kids need to be in the classrooms I feel my child(ren) learn better I don't know how to teach them am not very educated my self so what can they learn from me and I also have to work I work in the health care industry and have no option to work from home if masks are required for safety reasons then so be let's mask up
F	18-40	5	Middle	Public	Technology advances and better teachers make my kids happy
F	18-40	5	Elem	Public	The school My children attend isn't extreme on either end they follow the guidelines that are required of them but they also do things that makes sense and not go overboard when there is a case or require The kids to do any extreme measures. So far we have not had any huge outbreaks at the school so I am satisfied with the way the schools here are handling it. Other schools however around the country I think are way too extreme and are making children take extreme measures that are not appropriate and they are not doing any better then schools that are not going so extreme.
F	18-40	5	Middle	Public	They are constantly trained teachers to deliver the best instruction to meet students needs
M	18-40	5	Middle	Charter	They are open with no covid restrictions
F	18-40	5	High	Public	They are working to address the student population based on the needs they have identified. The population in this area is high risk high needs, and the school is trying to find creative ways to meet these needs
F	18-40	5	Elem	Public	To my knowledge not teaching CRT.
F	41-54	5	High	Public	Adapting to change. Teachers trying hard with student interest.
F	41-54	5	Elem	Public	As far as I know my child's school is still teaching history and other subjects as they were previously vs the Marxist Critical Race Theory.
F	41-54	5	High	Public	As of now, the conservatives have been unsuccessful at having altered history taught.
M	41-54	5	Elem	Public	I am very happy that masks are NOT being mandated and CRT is not taught in my child's school district. If either of those things change, I will be at the board meeting to let my concerns be known.
F	41-54	5	Middle	Public	I have no complaints with anything.
M	41-54	5	High	Public	I like the curriculum
M	41-54	5	High	Public	I think they're doing a great job trying to be inclusive without completely pissing off Republicans
F	41-54	5	Middle	Public	Overall I'm happy with our public schools and the direction however I'm very unhappy with their decisions and communication around covid. I do not feel they've done enough to prevent our kids from getting sick and spreading the disease. I'm disappointed in the fact that they will not be requiring masks this year.

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O	41-54	5	High	Public	Rated number 1 high school in CO for many years. So many AP and honors classes offered as well as representing the arts and athletics.
F	41-54	5	Middle	Charter	Small school and classrooms with a strong community connection that values input from everyone and teachers and admin who care
F	41-54	5	Middle	Public	Teachers are vaccinated, kids are working on small groups, masks are encouraged, kids 12 and up are highly encouraged to be vaccinated
F	41-54	5	High	Public	The kids are back in school. I do think they should be wearing mask and be in Cohorts again. Last year went pretty smooth. I work in a Elem school and after the first several quarantines it got better.
F	41-54	5	Elem	Public	They are doing what they can for the guidelines giving they are doing trial and errors The nurses at the schools just need to learn I don't think the parents out
F	41-54	5	High	Public	They have quality education. I think offering opportunities for co- enrollment in community college is very important to save on higher Ed costs
F	41-54	5	Middle	Public	They r preparing my son for high school.
M	41-54	5	Elem	Public	They seem to be teaching the normal stuff and not becoming "woke" and teaching the C R T and 1619 bull crap
M	55+	5	High	Public	School hasn't started yet, so not sure. Personally as a scientist, I don't think students who have not been vaccinated should be allowed back in school. They should have to do online.
F	55+	5	Elem	Public	When he move here you could not read but his third grade teacher was so amazing she care about her kids.
M	18-40	6	Middle	Public	Because I received an email like this. And it is how we should be treating everything in our state. Leave decisions to the individual "LPS will no longer notify school communities about positive and/or symptomatic cases." "LPS will rely on parents to make the very best decision for their children. LPS will rely on staff members to make the best decision for themselves, as well."
F	18-40	6	Middle	Public	By trying to keep kids in-person as much as possible, while also being safe.
M	18-40	6	Elem	Public	I think child safety is paramount and they make sure that's the first priority.
M	18-40	6	Elem	Public	More STEM opportunities
M	18-40	6	Elem	Public	No masks and stuff in person learning
F	18-40	6	High	Charter	Strong commitment to diversity and college prep
F	18-40	6	High	Public	They have done their best to keep kids in person and on a traditional curriculum.
M	18-40	6	High	Public	They have passed multiple funding initiatives and have invested all of that money into new buildings, teacher training, and technology for students.

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F	18-40	6	Elem	Other	They seem like they're thinking about how to educate kids. But, they better just concentrate on that, we don't need to teach kids to concentrate on the color of someone's skin.
F	41-54	6	High	Public	Allowing kids in person, providing technology to keep up with class work, opportunities for diff types of classes
F	41-54	6	High	Public	As a former special education teacher, I know what the districts are up against. In my opinion, based upon that knowledge, I believe the district is doing all that they can to educate my children. Of course if education was fully funded, they would have the tools they really needed to succeed.
F	41-54	6	Middle	Public	Based on the meager budgets they have, I feel Littleton public schools has the right priorities for our community, which is socioeconomically diverse. The new tech / skills high school, the new buildings (replacing literally crumbling buildings), the IB diploma, a variety of levels in Language arts and Math ... our district is serving our community.
M	41-54	6	High	Public	Cherry school district is good rates
F	41-54	6	High	Public	Getting back to normal. Love it.
F	41-54	6	High	Public	I believe they have the students best interest at heart.
M	41-54	6	High	Public	I feel my kids are safe with current covid guidelines
M	41-54	6	High	Public	I think the follow CDC regs
M	41-54	6	Elem	Public	Just haven't heard much negative news besides the usual of underpaid staff and some schools not performing as well as others. I know it can be a lot worse but I am sure it can only get better.
F	41-54	6	High	Public	Kids must go to school in person
F	41-54	6	High	Public	Letting mask wearing be a choice and they got rid of the stupid arrow system
F	41-54	6	K	Charter	No masks in person
F	41-54	6	Middle	Public	Positive experiences at the schools. Lots of options or different kinds of learners. Supportive community.
M	41-54	6	High	Public	School is geared towards my child's interests while allowing them to learn at their own pace
F	41-54	6	Middle	Public	Starting the school year with a positive attitude let the kids get back in school so they can see friends get back into the community is always a great way to start
F	41-54	6	Middle	Public	They're following all the rules and guidelines for the school district and our city and county. So far so good.
F	18-40	7	High	Public	Because they are open. Kids need in person learning. They are so far behind now. We need the schools to stay open
F	18-40	7	Elem	Public	Cannabis tax
F	18-40	7	Elem	Public	Education advancements, covid safety considerations



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M	18-40	7	Elem	Charter	Forcing the vaccine. Protect one protect all.
F	18-40	7	Elem	Public	I still want to see more focus on equitable outcomes and more culturally relevant curriculum for students who are not white but overall I think schools are intentionally making improvements
F	18-40	7	Elem	Public	I would rather have masks and still get to do events than have no masks and not get to do events
F	18-40	7	Elem	Public	Maintaining diversity and health
F	18-40	7	High	Public	Mask mandates
M	18-40	7	K	Public	Masks are required in for all people in elementary schools. I hope that masks and vaccines become required in all schools due to delta variant and low kid vaccination rates.
M	18-40	7	Elem	Public	Masks, not allowing visitors is good for public health but I fear that there's a lack of communication between educators and parents and that individual children may not receive the personalized attention they need both at school and home
F	18-40	7	K	Public	My school specific. Good reputation
F	18-40	7	K	Charter	Taking the necessary steps to protect our children
M	18-40	7	Middle	Public	There doing the best they can. At least in person learning is back
M	18-40	7	Middle	Public	They are doing the right thing to keep the kids safe
F	18-40	7	Elem	Public	They are focusing on equity in education and following scientific recommendations for safety of the students during the pandemic.
F	18-40	7	Elem	Public	We attend a choice school, so I can only speak to that. It is very involved as a community with a supportive PTSO. As a community, we are working to keep everyone safe. They have a progressive style of learning and testing has gone well die my child.
F	41-54	7	High	Public	As of right now it is the parents choice for masks. And I think they have a good plan for the pandemic.
M	41-54	7	High	Public	Demonstrate that their planning ahead with all the measures for covid-19 and the classes. Making updates an remodeling the school buildings and premises.
F	41-54	7	Middle	Charter	Full time in school. No masks. No vaccine mandates. No quarantines unless an outbreak
M	41-54	7	High	Public	Generally, they are full of fantastic teachers who are devoted to giving the kids a quality education. The Covid restrictions are well-thought-out and applied, with a focus on maintaining the health and well-being of both the students and the teachers.
F	41-54	7	Elem	Public	Great communication, engagement, and opportunity to be part of strategic planning decisions for the district.
F	41-54	7	Middle	Public	Having students wear maks during school hours and while riding the bus
F	41-54	7	High	Charter	I love my school. They care deeply for the students and give them lots of individual attention.

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M	41-54	7	Elem	Public	I think the mask mandate is a good one and one that should be implemented to keep kids, the unvaccinated population, safe. It should be required by the state not left to school districts.
F	41-54	7	Elem	Public	I trust in their decisions based on how they navigated the school year last year
F	41-54	7	Elem	Public	I've seen improvement in my child
F	41-54	7	High	Charter	I'm in favor in returning to in person learning as long as the appropriate safety measures are in place.
F	41-54	7	High	Public	Lots of AP classes offered that they can get college credit for.
F	41-54	7	High	Public	Making every one wear mask even though vaccinated!
M	41-54	7	High	Public	Mask mandates
F	41-54	7	High	Public	Masks indoors are a smart idea
O	41-54	7	Elem	Charter	Montessori school. Good teachers engaged. Kids are in the same grade for three years
F	41-54	7	Middle	Public	My child is successful in school and making academic progress
F	41-54	7	Elem	Public	My kids are learning, happy and feel safe at school.
O	41-54	7	Elem	Public	My two kids attend stems academy Westminster public schools and it's been an absolute an amazing school to be a part of
F	41-54	7	Elem	Public	They are doing the best they can in a difficult situation teaching not only academics but also inclusion, diversity, and social justice.
F	41-54	7	Middle	Public	They are teaching our kids about real world problems and solutions. They are doing a lot to challenge students and help struggling students.