

**Colorado Public Education Survey**

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Sex	Age Range	Party	County	Student in Household	Type of School	Response
M	18-34	Dem	Adams	No	No Student	Too ghetto
F	65+	Rep	Adams	No	No Student	Stick to reading writing and math. Not demanding enough. Lack of respect toward authority. Too many student rights
M	35-44	Unaf	Adams	No	No Student	Take off the masks, and start teaching Reading and Math, not racism.
F	55-64	Unaf	Adams	No	No Student	CRT
M	18-34	Unaf	Alamosa	No	No Student	Under-funded, teacher shortages, and political interference with education.
M	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	No	No Student	Where are arts, sports, and other enrichment programs?
M	35-44	Rep	Arapahoe	No	No Student	Compare it to 10 years ago and look yourself.
F	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	No	No Student	Too much indoctrination not enough actual teaching of reading writing math science and of course history and the constitution
M	18-34	Unaf	Arapahoe	No	No Student	I'm disappointed at the significant lack of funding of our CO public school. Colorado ranks extremely low on funding for public schools compared to other states in our country. I find this ridiculous given how booming CO has become over the past several years. We need to get our act together with funding our public school to ensure we have all the programs and tools available to students to help them succeed.
F	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	No	No Student	Not enough of the basics. Too much worry about feelings social media etc
M	55-64	Unaf	Arapahoe	No	No Student	They don't teach writing and cursive. I can't find a kid that knows the multiplication tables anymore. Scary stuff!
M	55-64	Rep	Archuleta	No	No Student	Everyone passes to the next grade regardless of abilities
M	65+	Dem	Boulder	No	No Student	They need to focus more on learning and inspiring student ask why not how to score better on standard testing
F	65+	Rep	Boulder	No	No Student	Parents need more involvement. Too much taught that is morally wrong.
F	55-64	Unaf	Boulder	No	No Student	Too much focus on identity politics.
M	35-44	Unaf	Broomfield	No	No Student	They're too political with gender and racial based education. They teach ideology rather than maintain a neutral position on scientifically contentious issues.
F	18-34	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	Antiquated system of education.
F	18-34	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	Budget issues mean school closures in our neighborhood and reduced programming across the arts and athletics. Not sure why our schools are closing when our property taxes increased and the class sizes were still 20+ students.

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F	18-34	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	Not paying teachers enough, undervalued teachers are quitting leading to poor environments for students. Additionally, the choice option defeats the purpose and positives of having a neighborhood school. Significant equity issues with the choice option
M	18-34	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	The new school board isn't prioritizing the most urgent needs for our students.
M	18-34	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	Too much focus on inert knowledge and out dated practices. Why use 20th century pedagogy for 21st century workforce development? Teachers aren't given enough autonomy to try new ideas or techniques due to a draconian evaluation system. We shouldn't expect better educational results if we don't change our process. Learning doesn't only happen in a classroom. Give the freedom to go beyond the walls of the school. Right wing politics is driving quality teachers and administrators out of the profession.
M	35-44	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	Kids are getting away with too much, there's less discipline at home and at school and the expectation has a continual downward curve.
M	35-44	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	Poor administration, including their lack of communication, and lack of culture building (including teachers and students). DPS; suspicious hiring of unqualified administrators and district leadership based on race only.
M	45-54	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	Caught up in social justice and politics. Educate our students, stay out of the other stuff.
M	65+	Dem	Denver	No	No Student	Teaching our children the truth in history n what this great nation has done to people n 7th lie it has spread on the indigenous people
Oth	45-54	Oth	Denver	No	No Student	They have gone from educating our you to grooming and indoctrination!! le CRT, gender bending. I would never send my Kia to public school in Denver.
M	18-34	Rep	Denver	No	No Student	Driven by woke ideology and have lost the ability to focus on what matters.
M	18-34	Rep	Denver	No	No Student	Public schools don't teach rhetoric, critical thinking, or philosophy as it's own class. And should.. In addition the injection of tribal doctrine- anything related to CRA is abhorrent.
F	55-64	Rep	Denver	No	No Student	Kids need very strong basic education. They need school choice where the tax dollars follow the student, even to private or parochial schools
F	18-34	Unaf	Denver	No	No Student	Not helping students with learning disabilities

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F	45-54	Unaf	Denver	No	No Student	DPS teachers are having to take second jobs to afford to live in Denver. My friends who have kids with IEPs have had to take them out of school b/c the experience w/the district is a constant fight for services and not having the child's needs met. And clearly we're not serving kids of color and kids in poverty well.
F	55-64	Unaf	Denver	No	No Student	I manage a retail business next to a Denver Public High School, No resource officer any longer puts a huge strain in all businesses in the area, no disciplinary action or consequences for bad behavior kids running the streets all day long etc.,
M	65+	Unaf	Denver	No	No Student	Generally declining test scores and a lack of rigor in curriculum.
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	No	No Student	Because of the way the local school board got rid of the superintendent in Douglas county
F	65+	Dem	Douglas	No	No Student	Lack of diversity/ equity plan for staff and students. Inability of board to follow the law. Emphasis on charter/private schools
M	65+	Dem	Douglas	No	No Student	The school board is dysfunctional. Teachers are not trusted and have no voice. Certain administrators do not back the staff on matters related to health, safety and security.
M	45-54	Oth	Douglas	No	No Student	We just elected new teachers board members which is a good first step. We need to get liberal policies out of Colorado schools
Oth	45-54	Oth	Douglas	No	No Student	Losing focus on the basics of education. They seem to be more focused on social issues instead of the basics a child needs to work and function in society.
M	45-54	Rep	Douglas	No	No Student	Socialist leftist agenda. Teach your kids that crap at home. You teaching God in there? Equal time if not.
F	55-64	Rep	Douglas	No	No Student	Teaching kids about issues that surround the lifestyles and sexual choices related to the LGTBQ community should be left to parents to address. This does NOT belong in the classroom!
F	55-64	Rep	Douglas	No	No Student	They are not focusing on the badics of education but are getting caught up in 'wokness,' CRT that is adversely affecting our children.

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M	65+	Rep	Douglas	No	No Student	Not teaching our real history as one example in the public schools. The charter schools are far better in the curriculum that is taught.
Oth	35-44	Unaf	Douglas	No	No Student	Public education is corrupted with corrupt, disgusting woke gender identity and marxism indoctrination that destroys individuals, families and the American Republic!
F	55-64	Unaf	Douglas	No	No Student	Teaching CRT is wrong, it's teaching our children to BE racist! Teaching children LGBTQ+ is wrong and unnecessary! They are indoctrinating children and teaching children that tape is ok. They are creating confusion and chaos in these childrens world that is/might be already unstable and difficult.
F	65+	Unaf	Douglas	No	No Student	More importance is given to politics than to the education of students in Douglas County by the school board.
M	65+	Unaf	Douglas	No	No Student	The policies and goals of the Douglas County School Board.
F	18-34	Dem	El Paso	No	No Student	Out school board is trying to ban books and censor the teaching of history. They have dissolved all efforts related to equity and are cutting teacher roles.
M	18-34	Dem	El Paso	No	No Student	Need more funding and need to stop worrying about CRT.
M	65+	Dem	El Paso	No	No Student	Not enough math, science including evolution. Science should include diet and health.
F	18-34	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	Promotion of left wing politics
M	18-34	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	They're overcomplicating simple concepts and ideas for young children and growing minds to understand. a math question for example that used to take half a minute at most takes now 3 minutes at the quickest time. while working at pikes Peak elementary School, and having to substitute for kids, I realized the whole time they dedicated to learning math could have been done in half the time, giving them more time to spend outside and play rather than cooped up inside. not to mention other political thought processes entering into the classrooms.

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F	45-54	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	We don't focus on real world skills along with building character and grit in our students. There is way too much politicking in education. Our focus is on meeting Count Day enrollment numbers and graduation numbers. We pay our teacher far too little and many of them are helping to raise our most vulnerable student populations due to a lack of strong parenting and unaddressed mental health issues. Also, we need to get back to the basics. Stop with cramming down the pronoun stuff on teachers who don't agree. And the transgender stuff too. Not every teacher buys into that stuff and there should be room for varied opinions. Teachers are STRUGGLING. Do you all hear me? STRUGGLING. We have teachers leaving in droves and if we don't simplify our approach and work to address things we're going to loose more. Teaching is difficult. Especially now, after the pandemic and all the bullcrap we did in shutting schools down for so long and sending kids home for nearly two years. The kids are struggling too. Lots of crisis and mental health challenges. They're lost. They're depressed.
F	55-64	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	1619, CRT, sex Ed for first graders, omitting history because it may offend, wokeism, etc

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						Schools are way too liberal and they should not be directed on what to teach by politicians and special interest groups that are destroying the future of the best country on Earth simply to get votes. I would prefer to home school my children at this point. As schools become more liberal I will support them less. Kids need to be taught life skills, not poor me or I'm bad because I'm caucasian or asian, or non black, or non LGBTW. Children in this country are being taught to be weak. Children should be taught to be accountable for their own actions, and to face difficult circumstances rather than run and hide. They should learn that reading, writing, math, history, etc are important for a successful future, and be taught to think for themselves and to survive on their own. I totally disagree with the politically motivated attempts to teach kids that this country is racist and about LBGTQ issues convincing them that it's normal to be gay, lesbian, trans, etc. - it's not normal that's why it's so controversial! I have gay friends who I love, I'm not homophobic but it absolutely should not be shoved in our children's faces. LBGTQ or straight, black or white or in between they will still have hurtles in this life that they will need to be have the strength to overcome. Having a sex change will not solve their problems. And they should not be taught the false belief that they should just sit back and let the Government take care of them when it can't even take care of itself. How can a child have any motivation when taught this way? Religion does not need to be taught in school, however freedom of religion should be. The pledge of allegience should be allowed and the word God should be accepted just as the phrase LBGTQ is. All children in this country have the opportunities to make good lives for themselves with some hard work, but I'm not sure they know that anymore.
F	55-64	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	
						CRT has no place in schools. There are 2 genders, male and female. That's it. This binary, trans gender stuff is BS. Also transgender bs males should not compete with pure females or vis versa. Illegal immigrants should not be allowed to get education. Shouldn't be here in the first place. Just puts additional strain in the already over crowded classrooms
M	55-64	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	
F	65+	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	Anyone who teaches critical race theory should be thrown in jail!
F	65+	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	Democrats policies

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F	65+	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	Teaching minimal history that is being rewritten to focus on slavery and not our Founding Fathers and how America grew as a country. All the voices of Black Life's Matter, CRT and others have caught the attention of educational decision makers. Perhaps the parents or even grandparents should be surveyed for their opinions
M	65+	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	Teachers unions and federal money involved in schools have degraded education to the point where it is indoctrination and students do not learn to think for themselves.
Oth	65+	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	Most are doing more with social issues in the yard with actual arithmetic social studies history reading writing the normal school stuff
Oth	65+	Rep	El Paso	No	No Student	They approve of mask mandates. They support CRT ideas being taught in schools. Couple months ago a teacher in Jr high taped a mask onto a students face.
M	18-34	Unaf	El Paso	No	No Student	Schools should not be teaching Critical Race theory, bring politics into the class room, or talk to young kids about sex/sexual preference
M	18-34	Unaf	El Paso	No	No Student	The funding that these schools get is awful compared to districts with higher property taxes. The funding system is so backwards and it shows in our schools and shows in our students performance (both behaviorally and academically)
F	45-54	Unaf	El Paso	No	No Student	Not agree with sex education.
F	45-54	Unaf	El Paso	No	No Student	Unfortunately, outside agitators that are full of hate and ignorance or starting to attempt to influence young people and some area residents that are equally ignorant.
F	55-64	Unaf	El Paso	No	No Student	Need to stick to basics. Kids are "passing" without fundamental skills. Stay out of politics. Teach kids how to think not what to think. If a student knows a teachers political affiliation / opinion, they have failed. Get back to reading, math, world history - stop throwing our kids in the middle of this political mess
F	65+	Unaf	El Paso	No	No Student	Focus off core learning? focus on political hot topics that do not need to be the focus in a classroom.
F	65+	Unaf	El Paso	No	No Student	I want basic reading, writing, history and math taught more effectively. I do not approve of CRT or sex/sexual orientation being brought up in anyway.
F	65+	Unaf	El Paso	No	No Student	Still too much emphasis on national/state testing. Not enough opportunities for non-college bound students. Common sense and practical life skills are critical!
F	65+	Rep	Fremont	No	No Student	They need to focus on the basics. Reading, writing and math

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M	65+	Dem	Garfield	No	No Student	The conservative board members are making poor decisions. Example: The loser Douglas County superintendent recently chosen.
F	18-34	Dem	Jefferson	No	No Student	I sympathize with teachers and don't necessarily hold them at fault but I think a lot more could be done to prepare students for real life. Recently saw a local school made families pay \$65 (with no option to opt out) for revolution era costumes to pointlessly reenact the civil war. When I spoke with some of these students I asked them simply what they had learned and most couldn't answer. I think our overall education needs to be readjusted. Kids shouldn't be ?learning? about white men from 200 yrs ago more then they learn about logistics, mental health education, CRT and other more plausible skills for the real world.
F	55-64	Dem	Jefferson	No	No Student	I am a public school teacher. Attendance policies are very lax and I'll defined. Students are missing way too much school and all absences are excused. There is no accountability. In my class of 23 students I have had over 600 absences this year. Students are passed on to the next grade regardless of whether they have completed the work or are ready. Standards based grading is very subjective, imprecise and hard for parents to understand.

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F	55-64	Dem	Jefferson	No	No Student	Jefferson County schools don't offer the same resources for dual language school students as they do for English classrooms. Its not equitable. The MAP testing is ridiculous as well.as the state testing. Teachers are required to teach to the test, and students aren't getting the instruction they need most. Teachers are being under paid and are not able to buy a home, raise a family on those peanut salaries.Their work load is ridiculous and they are leaving this profession to never return. Parents and students are not held responsible for their bad behavior. If most district would treat teachers as professionals and quit micro managing them. They need more minority teachers that represent the student population, but they also need to have a discussion about instutional racisium because the minority teachers they have are faded out or never promoted. Minority teachers are being paid \$20 hour, good enough to create a dual language curriculum but not good enough to have a position in the curriculum department. They should be offered a stipend, because they have to create lessons in two languages. Kindergarten should be mandatory not optional. Education is a hot mess right now!
M	65+	Dem	Jefferson	No	No Student	Pressure from right wing zealots who want to rewrite history and promote hate and racism
M	45-54	Oth	Jefferson	No	No Student	Too woke
F	18-34	Rep	Jefferson	No	No Student	I do not want grown adults teaching little children about homosexuality or transgenderism or masking or keeping children six feet away from each other.
M	35-44	Rep	Jefferson	No	No Student	The way many teachers and schools handles COVID was abysmal, more children died of suicide than COVID. Most teachers do not do the basics well, and that's reading, writing, and arithmetic. Because many are focused on identity politics instead.
Oth	35-44	Rep	Jefferson	No	No Student	Liberal agenda priorities over education
F	65+	Rep	Jefferson	No	No Student	Curriculum is too far afield from basic reading writing math and civics
M	65+	Rep	Jefferson	No	No Student	If teaching the students to hate America and confusing them with transgender propaganda then stop
M	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	No	No Student	Jefferson County has a strong union backed school board whose only interest is moving progressive political agenda and protecting teachers who share this agenda

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M	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	No	No Student	We live in a Liberal State and this thinking is poisoning our youth
M	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	No	No Student	Take your pick. CRT, sex education at the grade school level, etc. None of this produces productive people.
						<p>TAKE OFF THE MASKS. DO NOT FORCE OTHERS TO FEEL BADLY ABOUT THEIR DECISIONS ON VACCINATIONS AND HEALTHCARE. PROMOTE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND REVIEW ALL RIGHTS THAT DOES NOT GET CANCELLED. No critical race theory or sexual discussions should be allowed. If you want to teach someone valuable teach parents on childhood rearing, setting consistent boundaries with children and that sensible practical consequences for behavior be prompted. No propaganda or political extrapolation need present itself. Stick to basics of phonetic reading, real typing not keyboarding, reading comprehension, how to think critically, debate respectfully, old fashioned math and analysis /statistics without a calculator or device, bring back cursive handwriting as a whole group now cannot read or write it, constitutional historical education of how our country was formed, with Wallbuilder educational materials used. Teach the Virtues and benefit of those. Stop grading on a curve. Let As be As and Fs be Fs. Teach in higher grades basic business skills, effective communication skills, what avoidance behavior looks like, how to have a difficult discussion, how to criticize and take criticism positive and negative. Teach that life is not fair, that hard work pays off, that he who does a good job is rewarded. Throw out new required reading and go back to 30-40 yrs ago required reading materials. Memorize part of key USA documents. Have parents pick up their unruly children who deliberately break rules and order from class each day. Promote respect for authority and parents as authority. Teach what abuse and dangerous relationships looks like and what to do. Get back to teaching cooking and cleaning and I could go on and on.</p>
F	55-64	Unaf	Jefferson	No	No Student	
Oth	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	No	No Student	Reading writing and arithmetic. that's all.

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Oth	65+	Unaf	Jefferson	No	No Student	Unfortunately we didn't initially realize soon enough the road our educational system was going down. We've turned our children into haters of our country and have lost important conservative moral values. It is NOT the educational systems job nor responsibility to indoctrinate our children in CRT or LGBTQ+!!! Their job is to educate our children so they are able to support themselves and contribute to society.
F	18-34	Dem	La Plata	No	No Student	4 day school week will punish local income families
M	65+	Dem	La Plata	No	No Student	Too much focus on standardized testing and too little focus on identifying and building individual student potential. Lack of instruction in basic and life skills, minimal civic responsibility and media literacy instruction and support. Lack of continuity in curriculum and failure to identify students at 3rd grade level who are not proficient in reading and math that encumbers all of the upper grades instruction. Lack of understanding on the part of administration and policy makers relative to the needs and challenges faced by teachers. Low teacher wages lead to less and less competent teachers in the public school system
F	55-64	Oth	La Plata	No	No Student	School board is not in touch with what the parents want. They are more concerned about their personal agenda than educating our students. Too much time is spent on surveys than focused on their welfare.
F	18-34	Rep	La Plata	No	No Student	Teacher under paid and burnt out. DO NOT TEACH OUR STUDENTS CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN SCHOOL
F	65+	Rep	La Plata	No	No Student	Mask mandates, longer school days (4 day school week)
M	65+	Rep	La Plata	No	No Student	Masking lasted way too long. I understand that CRT is on the curriculum, only under a different name.
M	45-54	Unaf	La Plata	No	No Student	Too much beaurocracy limits the resources teachers and students have for learning. Teachers are important, and undervalued.
M	55-64	Unaf	La Plata	No	No Student	The 9r school district is more interested in conducting social experiments rather than teaching academics.

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F	55-64	Dem	Larimer	No	No Student	Not just my local schools but all of Colorado had a chance to restructure public ed during Covid. A chance to look at year round schedules with breaks that make sense for teachers and students so students don't bs k slide over the summer and need retracting of routines and skills. The curriculum needs to be developmentally appropriate. K-8 schools are not working for a multitude of reasons. Discipline is not consistent or developmentally appropriate.
F	45-54	Rep	Larimer	No	No Student	Teachers are too liberal forcing their opinions on children
M	18-34	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	Crazy progressive ideology is creeping in to our schools.
M	18-34	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	Limited learning, weak admin, and bullshit politics.
M	45-54	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	Antiquated education model involving "batch processing" students by age group, sacrificing standards for graduation rates, and not enough resources committed to career- readiness vs college- readiness.
F	55-64	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	Need updating!! Kids need to learn life skills: how to cook a meal, change a tire, what to do in an emergency, how to fill out a job app, how to do taxes, MONEY MANAGEMENT!, how to invest, how to register to vote, why voting is important to EVERYONE, why politics is important, and on and on. They need to know MODERN history - not just the whitewashed bs that stops with the Civil War. They need the arts as well as the sciences. Forget Algebra 2! Young people need to know how to SURVIVE.
M	55-64	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	Too much time spent in social justice vs. educating the children.
F	65+	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	Not prepared for workforce or higher Ed
F	65+	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	Too liberal in teaching sexual preferences to children that are too young. That's a parental responsibility not teachers or public schools.
M	65+	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	CRT and zero tolerance masks unacceptable
M	65+	Unaf	Larimer	No	No Student	It's time to substitute woke for 3R's and get our country up from 20th in the world. Absolutely absurd.
M	65+	Rep	Las Animas	No	No Student	Taking God out of school too liberal
F	65+	Dem	Mesa	No	No Student	Teachers are not considered valuable assets to society. They are not paid enough. Their opinions are not valued. They are demonized and targeted.

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F	65+	Dem	Mesa	No	No Student	Three school board members are pushing their agenda and it seems they are excluding other opinions.
Oth	65+	Rep	Mesa	No	No Student	I am very concerned with curriculum and the incorporating of new CRT, sex ed, and changing the history of our great country. While I know there are some great teachers, there are some progressive teachers who are defiantly going against the wishes of parents.
M	18-34	Unaf	Mesa	No	No Student	I teach at a middle school in western Colorado and have taught for 5 years. The system is broken, being run by admin worried about test scores. We need reform
F	55-64	Unaf	Mesa	No	No Student	Most, especially in higher grades, don't understand what they are teaching, have students who need help ask other students for it, not committed, seem to be in teaching for the lax hours
F	65+	Unaf	Mesa	No	No Student	Poor, poor reading skills.
M	65+	Unaf	Mesa	No	No Student	They need to focus on good basics. Many of our students graduate and are unable to read, write, or do simple math.
M	35-44	Oth	Moffat	No	No Student	Rural conservative community which fully supports far right legislation about education diversity like 'don't say gay' and 'critical race theory' and 'evolution'
M	18-34	Rep	Montezuma	No	No Student	Keep schools about learning, not any of this transgender nonsense.
F	18-34	Rep	Montrose	No	No Student	They aren't open enough with parents and are teaching inappropriate behavior and material to students
F	45-54	Unaf	Montrose	No	No Student	I quit teaching, something I LOVE doing because there isn't enough time I go, not enough planning time and administration treats you like trash. I have been a Title 1 educator for 12 years, I NEVER thought I would resign, I wanted to retire from teaching. These last two year have been the worst.

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F	18-34	Dem	Park	No	No Student	I think we need to reform education in America as a whole. The teachers are doing a good job but the standards need to change. They shouldn't have to 'renew' their licenses, to continue teaching. There are few other occupations that have to renew a license every few years. And I don't think testing is a good summary of what someone knows. It really basis around how good your memory is and intelligence goes further than academic smarts. I think high school should be for students who are truly academic and that trade/art schools should be an option apart from them in the same level, same age. College should not be for the wealthy and we need more qualified individuals teaching subjects. I think that people should be focusing on what they enjoy and what they are good at by age 14-15, not 18-25. We need to play to our strengths sooner so that way people are where they want and need to be in their 20's not in their 30's.
M	55-64	Rep	Prowers	No	No Student	The school's curriculum is not about educating our children for purposeful use in adult life. The 3Rs and life skills. We have an administration that is terrified of being sued by children who 'Identify as cats. Utter foolishness.
F	65+	Dem	Pueblo	No	No Student	Quality teachers deserve a living wage, administration takes too large a slice of the budget, top heavy. I think that teachers are asked to spend a large portion of their teaching time on discipline. Literacy is crucial! School lunches are disgusting, I wonder at our local culinary schools and the lack of oversight, nutritious, edible food is important especially now that this may be the only meal available to our students. And I could go on and on?
M	55-64	Rep	Pueblo	No	No Student	They are not safeguarding our kids, informing, or listening to parents.
F	45-54	Unaf	Rio Blanco	No	No Student	Conservative citizens, school board members and employees refuse to teach racial history, downplay the importance of learning common core math, and regularly glamorize gun culture.
M	35-44	Unaf	Summit	No	No Student	Not focused on reading, writing, arithmetic. Too focused on CRT and emotional learning.
M	65+	Dem	Teller	No	No Student	Trying to redirect education in a very bias and close-minded partisan direction. The local school board needs to be stopped before anymore damage is done. This is Improper use of tax dollars.

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M	65+	Rep	Weld	No	No Student	CRT, Masking too long, Gender
F	18-34	Unaf	Weld	No	No Student	We are allowing parents to dictate what teachers do, and they are not knowledgeable enough to dictate that.
Oth	18-34	Unaf	Weld	No	No Student	You have California liberal views this is Colorado it should be Republican
M	35-44	Dem	Adams	Yes	Public	Behavior is out of control. Cell phones should not be allowed in schools. Alternative schools and trade schools need to be increased.
M	35-44	Rep	Adams	Yes	Public	Wrong curriculum, gender education etc
M	45-54	Rep	Adams	Yes	Public	They are stepping outside of the charter of education and into the realm of parenthood. Forcing their social and political beliefs on children when they should focus on teaching what is in the textbook and to foster curious minds. Textbook content should not include political or social agenda.
F	55-64	Rep	Adams	Yes	Public	Grooming kids with Comprehensive Health Sex Ed. 5th grade is way to young
F	18-34	Unaf	Adams	Yes	Public	I am very frustrated with the way Bennett school district handles certain situations, and I have had to call and email on many occasions.
F	45-54	Unaf	Adams	Yes	Public	Indoctrination of students and not allowing natural abilities. Everything is engineering focused.
M	45-54	Unaf	Adams	Yes	Private	Masking kids and CRT.
F	45-54	Dem	Arapahoe	Yes	Public	School is to learn English, math, science, and some social studies. Anything beyond that is not your business
M	45-54	Rep	Arapahoe	Yes	Other	The first pillar of 5 virtues in our school is Equity. Marxism is being taught to our children including mine. This is pure evil. Marxism has killed over 200M people in the world in the last 100 years. Stop selling evil to children!
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	Yes	Public	Look at the education rates among countries, we have been dropping steadily since the late 90's. Stop all this cuddly none sense, free parenting and get back to just education and accountability.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	Yes	Public	The focus is moving more in the direction of how they feel or should feel based on their teachers preference and less on actual academic knowledge being taught.
M	35-44	Unaf	Arapahoe	Yes	Public	Unfortunately, we are catering too much in the race issue, wile issue, CT, not paying our teachers enough

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F	18-34	Dem	Boulder	Yes	Public	It has taken 3 years to convince the school that my daughter needs an IEP. Now in 3rd grade she is behind. There's no reason for this.
M	45-54	Oth	Boulder	Yes	Other	My kids are not really that motivated but, that got good grades in subjects of math and science in which they had little understanding in at the time.
M	45-54	Rep	Boulder	Yes	Public	Critical Race Theory needs to be completely and absolutely removed to any and all curriculum. And quit telling kids it's ok to be transgender!!
M	35-44	Unaf	Broomfield	Yes	Private	CRT
M	55-64	Unaf	Chaffee	Yes	Home	Ask the principal who has been arrested twice this year what the problems are.
M	45-54	Rep	Denver	Yes	Other	I'm so tired of CRT being taught or this sex education. My son is 10years old he isn't old enough to know all about different sexual orientations and shouldn't need to worry about it. They need to teach real lessons out of books instead of what the teacher feels they want to teach that day. Math, history, civic, science, social studies, home economics. Things like that instead of what color anyone is.
M	55-64	Rep	Denver	Yes	Public	Science is science and gender is male female same as sex is Male Female
M	35-44	Unaf	Denver	Yes	Public	Vastly under funded, and scoring v low when compared to rest of the country.
F	45-54	Unaf	Denver	Yes	Public	There is too much emphasis on standardized testing and not enough emphasis on teaching the basics.
M	45-54	Unaf	Denver	Yes	Other	1/2 of the teachers are not listening to parents, taxpayers are spending lots of money without results, districts ask for more money each year with little accountability for how the money is spent, I will not vote for any education funding until there is accountability and student improvement used to be a public education teacher
M	55-64	Rep	Dolores	Yes	Public	Teachers unions are pushing culture and indoctrination instead of education!!!
Oth	45-54	Oth	Douglas	Yes	Public	The curriculum is not structured and is not teaching the basics, reading writing and arithmetic
F	45-54	Rep	Douglas	Yes	Charter	Political and personal agendas have no place in the classroom nor are they appropriate to impose on the young impressionable minds of children. That is a form of coercive abuse.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	Yes	Home	Equity teaching, sex education to elementary school kids, and environmental extremism isn't education it's indoctrination. Schools should teach kids how to think not what to think. Teachers have no power over discipline in their classrooms. As a former teacher it's disgusting to see the degradation of education.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	Yes	Public	Can't just fire the superintendent without cause. They morons are clueless.
M	45-54	Unaf	Douglas	Yes	Public	New school board is too conservative and has a very specific agenda
F	45-54	Dem	Eagle	Yes	Public	My school decided to become a Dual Language School. I can see the need for this, as we have a large Hispanic population. However, as a parent I no longer have an option for my child to learn his other subjects (namely MATH) in English every day. There is ONE public school in my local community, and I no longer have the option for my child to have Math Instruction in English every day. That is 100% unacceptable to me, and I am disgusted by this. My taxes go to support the local schools, and my district is forcing this DL program on me. I have made my feelings known to my school's administration and they have just continued barreling down the path toward becoming a DL school regardless of the outcry of a number of parents who support our children learning to speak Spanish, but want them to learn their other subjects in English every day. That is to say that they have listened very carefully to all our concerns, and then ignored them.
F	35-44	Rep	Eagle	Yes	Private	Children are not being prepared to enter the work force. Schools are focusing on social justice issues instead of what makes a person successful in the work force (personal responsibility, hard work, willingness to receive instruction, willingness to start at the bottom and work up)
F	45-54	Dem	El Paso	Yes	Public	Fringe conservative groups with opinions becoming main stream trying to change what is taught in history
F	35-44	Oth	El Paso	Yes	Public	Do you love it in Colorado Springs is laying off something like 52 teachers elementary classes are already being combined we need more good teachers in classrooms and less ridiculous policies by administration and state

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M	35-44	Oth	El Paso	Yes	Private	The kids in my area are terrible and the basics such as reading, writing, and arithmetic. They are thought more about sexuality than important life skills. The kids in my area can't even use cross walks or sidewalks properly! Education is a reason I'm leaving colorado!
F	35-44	Rep	El Paso	Yes	Public	They do not discipline the students like they should they just give them a slap on the wrist when the matter is serious. The kids never have homework either.
F	35-44	Rep	El Paso	Yes	Public	Too much indoctrination about teacher's political views and too 'woke'. I want my child to learn about history the way it actually happened (the good, the bad, the ugly), math, science, basic home economics skills etc.
M	35-44	Rep	El Paso	Yes	Public	Heading towards the teaching crt in classes and talking about sexual orientation too young in my opinion (4th grade and under) just focus on math science language etc leave all political stuff out
F	45-54	Unaf	El Paso	Yes	Public	CSSD11 school board is pushing crazy things on the district. They need to remove half the board and the other half need to get actual experience in the classroom before deciding what is best for teachers and students. They should not be making any decisions
Oth	55-64	Unaf	El Paso	Yes	Public	They need to get back to English, Math, History and Science and STOP with talking to kids about things they have NO RIGHT to be telling them. STICK TO THE BASICS AND STOP TRYING TO INDOCTRINATE OUR KIDS!!
M	45-54	Oth	Fremont	Yes	Public	1. Well it is my grandson and I should know and have access to the classroom whenever I need to talk to the teacher. 2. Teaching from a computer is a joke, they should learn life skills. 3. They hide to much from the parents. 4. They are kids with wonderful minds, teach them instead of giving them a out, bring back discipline. 5. Fire and replace all board members with people who care and throw this crap agenda out.
F	55-64	Unaf	Fremont	Yes	Home	There is little structure to prepare them for living without mommy and daddy or worse the government. No self empowerment taught. Cognitive thinking classes etc.
F	55-64	Rep	Gunnison	Yes	Public	They are going far left with crt and sel lessons, grade testing scores are plummeting

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F	45-54	Oth	Jefferson	Yes	Home	I feel like our school system should not talk about any sexual preferences, identities, pronouns or actions? It should be left up to the parent to have those discussions with your children. The schools need to stop making these sexual subjects ?a thing?. Also our education is so 1800s. These kids are learning unnecessary information for their future and everything needs to be updated to the present. More classes that involves technology, marketing, economics, building your own businesses, how to manage money, more language options like mandarin, also bring back basic skill sets like wood shop, electrical home economics, cooking, mechanics (cars) classes?etc Things that can help children to become more independent in their everyday and home environment. Also I believe teachers should be paid anywhere between 90,000 to 100,000 to attract better quality teachers that feel that they are getting compensated and want to work with our kids.
M	35-44	Rep	Jefferson	Yes	Home	No CRT, parent choice
M	35-44	Rep	Jefferson	Yes	Other	Teachers prioritizing their own sloth over students learning- using COVID to justify useless zoom classes.
F	45-54	Rep	Jefferson	Yes	Public	Critical race theory, crazy liberal sex education needs to be banned in our school districts. Schools need to get back to teaching kids how to actually live with practical tools when they grow into adulthood
M	45-54	Rep	Jefferson	Yes	Public	The transition back to in-school learning seemed to be tense amongst teachers and the teachers my kids have are, in a general blanket statement, not adequately communicating their shortfalls and needs. it's mostly at conferences when we're blindsided by deficiencies and opportunities. At least some sort of weekly note or email summary would help parents tremendously identifying where we can contribute at home.
Oth	45-54	Rep	Jefferson	Yes	Public	Focus teaching reading, writing math not all these political issues, like gender identification!! Keep it out of the school and let parents have more control on what you teach our children. Stop brainwashing them with politics
Oth	45-54	Rep	Jefferson	Yes	Other	Trying to cancel history.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Jefferson	Yes	Charter	So many behavior issues at school, constant political agendas, poor communication, test scores over enjoying learning? we are not raising up kind, problem solving, considerate and proficient citizens in our public school programs.
F	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	Yes	Other	There is little to no homework assigned. How are kids supposed to retain information or indicate that they understand how to use it when there?s no ongoing practice?
M	45-54	Unaf	Jefferson	Yes	Public	The way the school district handled Covid was a disaster for kids and they continue to be far behind with no plan for catching them up. Rather than spending time on what?s really needed, the school is more focused on pushing political and social issues on our elementary kids which is evident in the Growing and Changing curriculum and by the selection of titles for the Battle of the Books such as Black ?Brother, Black Brother?, genre: Diversity- Black voice, and ?List of things that will not change?, genre: Diversity-LGBTQ+ voice. Now more than ever is the time to focus on common core. it's a tragedy for our kids and our future to let them be middle of the road at best when compared to other countries.
M	35-44	Rep	La Plata	Yes	Public	Schools are placing a higher priority on pushing a left wing social agenda than they are on educating students in the core subjects. They refuse to bring underachieving students up to standards and instead bring higher achievers down below their potential. They are apparently far more concerned about providing extra restrooms to students with mythical genders than they are with used needles and human feces from the homeless camp next door littering the campus.
F	35-44	Rep	Larimer	Yes	Public	Student behavior and disrespect are at an all time high and as a substitute teacher, I've seen first-hand how difficult it is to deliver lessons daily and how the whole class suffers because 1-2 students require so much support from the classroom teacher. The burden is felt everywhere and there are very few qualified professionals available at each school to help when these issues arise. Some are just overlooked or ignored. It it overwhelming for all involved and the quality of instruction is greatly impacted. This applies to all grade levels, PK to 12. This also feeds into the lack of TIME that teachers have to adequately prepare for lessons and grade assignments? within their contract day and not on their own time. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE OR THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE ANY GOOD TEACHERS LEFT!

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F	35-44	Rep	Larimer	Yes	Public	The Poudre School District is concerned with social issues not academics. Social awareness does not set you up for success in the real world.
F	35-44	Rep	Larimer	Yes	Public	The schools in our area worry about themselves instead of the kids. Teachers don't want to be there and it shows through their uncaring ways of teaching. There is no discipline or drug education what's so ever in the public schools. Teachers are now more focused on politics and being biased instead of focusing on what they are there to teach, which is the basics; math, science, American History, and English. Everything else is up to the parents to teach. The power and roles of these individuals have gone straight to their head and they should not be in control what so ever.
M	45-54	Rep	Larimer	Yes	Public	CRT, Promoting socialism, anti-conservative, racism against native Hispanic Coloradoans, and care more about illegals. Lack cultural diversity in anything but black. Discrimination by not having an rotc program.
M	45-54	Rep	Larimer	Yes	Charter	I do not agree with sex education beyond heterosexual, and I definitely do not agree with transgender explanations in the classroom. This should be left to the parents to decide and educate
F	18-34	Unaf	Larimer	Yes	Public	Large classroom sizes and not enough QUALIFIED teachers. Not due to any of the teachers fault. Administration, lack of funding, confusing health policies. Etc.
Oth	35-44	Unaf	Larimer	Yes	Public	Spending tons of our money on unnessisary things and not getting the basics down.
F	45-54	Unaf	Larimer	Yes	Public	Adhering to the non-sensicle liberal agenda.
F	55-64	Unaf	Larimer	Yes	Home	Disagree with 'woke' agenda, and don't think schools should focus on racial and social issues.
Oth	55-64	Unaf	Larimer	Yes	Public	Public schools should focus on her the fundamentals of reading writing arithmetic and the arts and leave other matters out of the curriculum
F	45-54	Rep	Mesa	Yes	Public	They spend too much time giving our kids surveys about what gender they identify as instead of teaching them spelling, grammar, math, history, etc I've known of multiple times teachers push their political beliefs on the kids and where's the pledge of allegiance? Why are we teaching kids to hate being white or being American?

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M	35-44	Unaf	Mesa	Yes	Charter	Inappropriate materials being assigned to students. Pushing radical social and sex education programs. Lack of focus on reading, writing, math, and science. The school board was out of control until it flipped in the recent election. Unnecessary and ridiculous Covid protocols that ignored the facts and science. Not in the best interest of the students or parents. Radical woke agendas being taught in our schools. Lack of respect for parents at the local, state, and federal level. Public education is one of the biggest failures and it continues to get worse. Giving more funding to the same people and systems that are causing the problem will not solve anything. It's probably a good thing that public school enrollment is in decline. Until school is brought back to some kind of common sense normalcy I will never support increased taxpayer funding.
F	65+	Unaf	Moffat	Yes	Public	These kids do not even know basic life skills. Absolutely pathetic. My grand daughter 17 years old does not even know how to operate a printer.
M	45-54	Dem	Montezuma	Yes	Public	Education is underfunded. Parents in the area have had a bad educational experience, therefore they don't value schools, or have a vision of an educated community.
F	45-54	Rep	Montezuma	Yes	Home	The past 2 years all they talk about is Covid. Also, my first grader reported back to me that the teachers were talking to the kids about homosexuals and the like. Also I said my kids were not to wear masks and the teachers tried to make the kids wear them anyways. I took my kids out of public school 6 months ago
F	45-54	Unaf	Otero	Yes	Public	To liberal. Focused on social issues not academics.
F	45-54	Rep	Park	Yes	Public	Lack of progress for my child
F	35-44	Dem	Routt	Yes	Public	School employees are doing everything they can but we continue to lose employees because they are not paid enough to live in the area we are in.
M	45-54	Oth	Summit	Yes	Public	The kids need to be taught to think for themselves and everyday useful skills. Teachers need to keep their politics at home
M	45-54	Rep	Weld	Yes	Home	The schools are not very good and they should pay teachers more money so they don't have to get second jobs to support themselves
M	45-54	Rep	Weld	Yes	Public	We do not need to be teaching our kids transgender lifestyle
Oth	35-44	Unaf	Weld	Yes	Home	Schools are teaching leftist ideology not traditional morality.