

Table 24.—Public opinion of public and private school choice: 1989 to 1999

Question	Percent who favor position										
	1989	1990	1991	1993	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999		
									Total	No children in school	Public school parents
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Do you favor or oppose allowing students and their parents to choose which public schools in the community the students attend regardless of where they live?	60	62	62	65	69	—	—	—	—	—	—
Do you favor or oppose allowing students and parents to choose a private school to attend at public expense?	—	—	26	24	33	36	44	44	41	38	45
Do you think private schools that accept government tuition payments for these students should be accountable to public authorities or not?											
Yes, should be accountable	—	—	—	63	73	—	—	75	77	77	79
No, should not be accountable	—	—	—	34	24	—	—	20	21	21	18
Don't know	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	5	2	2	3

—Not available.

SOURCE: *Phi Delta Kappa*, "The Annual Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools," various years. (This table was prepared September 1999.)