

Table 24. Public opinion on selected education topics: 1997, 2000, 2001, and 2002

Question	Percent distribution												
	National totals				No children in school				Public school parents				
	1997	2000	2001	2002	1997	2000	2001	2002	1997	2000	2001	2002	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
In your opinion, is there too much emphasis on achievement testing in the public schools in this community, not enough emphasis on testing, or about the right amount?													
Percent responding	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Too much emphasis	20	30	31	31	20	28	29	30	19	34	36	32	
Not enough emphasis	28	23	22	19	28	26	22	20	26	19	20	14	
Just the right amount of emphasis	48	43	44	47	46	41	45	46	54	46	43	54	
Don't know	4	4	3	3	6	5	4	4	1	1	1	#	
A proposal has been made that would allow parents to send their school-age children to any public, private, or church-related school they choose. For those parents choosing non-public schools, the government would pay all or part of the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal in your state?													
Percent responding	100	100	100	100	—	—	—	100	100	100	100	100	100
Favor	49	45	44	52	—	—	—	51	55	47	52	51	
Oppose	48	52	54	46	—	—	—	47	43	51	47	46	
Don't know	3	3	2	2	—	—	—	2	2	2	1	3	

Rounds to zero.

—Not available.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: Phi Delta Kappa, *Phi Delta Kappan* "The Annual Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools," 2002. (This table was prepared August 2002.)