

Statewide Education Survey  
MFour/Tulchin Research  
Sample: 2411 California Registered Voters  
Mode: Online/Mobile Devices  
**FINAL TOPLINE**



1. First, are you registered to vote in the state of California?

Yes 100

2. Are you, or is anyone living in your household, employed by a market research company, a newspaper, magazine, television or radio station, a political party or by a candidate for political office?

No 100

24. How much would you say you know about the Common Core State Standards?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
A lot	10%	15%
Some	31%	39%
A little	26%	25%
Nothing	33%	21%

25. How much have you heard about the Common Core State Standards from the following sources?  
 (Response options for each: a lot, some, a little, not at all)

**Total Sample**

	<i>A lot</i>	<i>Some</i>	<i>A little</i>	<i>Not at all</i>
Television or radio media	8%	22%	23%	48%
Print media (e.g., newspapers, magazines)	6%	22%	25%	47%
Social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook)	7%	13%	15%	65%
Other internet sources (e.g., blogs, online news)	9%	16%	19%	56%
Local districts, schools, or teachers	12%	20%	20%	49%
Family or friends	12%	21%	24%	43%

**Parent Sample**

	<i>A lot</i>	<i>Some</i>	<i>A little</i>	<i>Not at all</i>
Television or radio media	8%	22%	26%	44%
Print media (e.g., newspapers, magazines)	8%	25%	26%	41%
Social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook)	11%	20%	23%	47%
Other internet sources (e.g., blogs, online news)	15%	22%	24%	39%
Local districts, schools, or teachers	22%	28%	19%	30%
Family or friends	15%	29%	30%	26%

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**Note: Some numbers may not equal 100% due to rounding.**

26A. To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the Common Core State Standards?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	591	135
Strongly approve	3%	7%
Somewhat approve	22%	24%
<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	19%	22%
Strongly disapprove	12%	16%
Have heard of the Common Core... but have no opinion	17%	16%
Have not heard of the Common Core State Standards	26%	15%

26B. To what extent do you support or oppose having the teachers in your community use the Common Core State Standards to guide what they teach?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	624	238
Strongly support	6%	7%
Support	19%	21%
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>29%</b>
Neither support nor oppose	49%	47%
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Oppose	15%	14%
Strongly oppose	12%	11%

26C. As you may know, over the past few years states have been deciding whether or not to implement the Common Core State Standards, which are national standards for reading, writing, and math. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. To what extent do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core Standards in California?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	600	159
Strongly support	20%	24%
Somewhat support	32%	24%
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>35%</b>
Somewhat oppose	16%	19%
Strongly oppose	12%	16%
Unsure	19%	18%

26D. Here is a pair of statements about California’s implementation of the Common Core State Standards. Please indicate which statement is closer to your own opinion:

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	596	157
California should be implementing the Common Core State Standards because they provide clear and consistent expectations	24%	21%
California should not implement the Common Core State Standards because they represent a one-size-fits-all approach that	42%	54%
Neither	7%	6%
Unsure	26%	18%

Please indicate whether you believe each of the following statements about the Common Core State Standards is true or false.

**Total Sample**

	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
Q27. The Common Core State Standards only apply to English and mathematics.	20%	30%	49%
Q28. Common Core requires more testing than California's previous standards.	34%	17%	49%
Q29. The federal government required California to adopt the Common Core.	25%	20%	54%
Q30. The Common Core State Standards were developed by the Obama administration.	19%	25%	56%
Q31. Common Core's tests are designed to make more students fail.	12%	48%	40%
Q32. States adopting the Common Core are allowed to add content to the standards.	24%	20%	56%
Q33. Common Core limits teachers' ability to be creative in the classroom.	37%	24%	39%

**Parent Sample (N=688)**

	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
Q27. The Common Core State Standards only apply to English and mathematics.	28%	35%	37%
Q28. Common Core requires more testing than California's previous standards.	41%	18%	42%
Q29. The federal government required California to adopt the Common Core.	34%	21%	46%
Q30. The Common Core State Standards were developed by the Obama administration.	21%	25%	55%
Q31. Common Core's tests are designed to make more students fail.	20%	47%	33%
Q32. States adopting the Common Core are allowed to add content to the standards.	27%	24%	49%
Q33. Common Core limits teachers' ability to be creative in the classroom.	44%	26%	30%

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34. If a candidate for president strongly supported the Common Core standards, would that make you MORE or LESS likely to support that candidate, or would it not affect your opinion much?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Much more likely to support	5%	7%
A little more likely to support	14%	18%
<b>TOTAL LIKELY TO SUPPORT</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>24%</b>
No more or less likely to support	34%	31%
<b>TOTAL LIKELY TO OPPOSE</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>26%</b>
A little less likely to support	13%	16%
Much less likely to support	11%	10%
Don't know	23%	18%

**[SPLIT A/SPLIT B]**

35/53. Do you think the amount of state/standardized testing of California students is:

	<b>State</b>		<b>Standardized</b>	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	1184	304	1227	384
Far too much	7%	7%	11%	15%
Too much	23%	27%	28%	26%
<b>TOTAL 'TOO MUCH'</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>41%</b>
Just right	25%	38%	31%	35%
<b>TOTAL 'TOO LITTLE'</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Too little	24%	19%	25%	21%
Far too little	4%	2%	5%	4%
Don't Know	17%	7%	0%	0%

36/54. How many hours do you think a California student spends taking state/standardized tests in a school year? Just your best guess.

	<b>State</b>		<b>Standardized</b>	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Mean Time	23:34	23:14	19:41	18:59

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37/55. Students in California spend approximately 8-10 hours during the school year taking state/standardized tests. Do you think the level of state testing in California schools is:

	State		Standardized	
	Total	Parent	Total	Parent
Sample Size	1184	304	1227	384
Too much	20%	25%	24%	28%
Just right	34%	41%	34%	36%
Too little	31%	24%	28%	26%
Unsure	15%	11%	14%	11%

38/56. California is currently transitioning to a new state/standardized testing system for students in grades 3-11. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?

	State		Standardized	
	Total	Parent	Total	Parent
Sample Size	1184	304	1227	384
California should test students in each grade level to make sure they are progressing.	69%	74%	61%	58%
California should cut back on state testing and test at only certain grade levels.	15%	14%	18%	21%
California should not give state tests and should instead rely on teachers' evaluations of their students' performance.	8%	9%	10%	11%
Don't know	8%	4%	11%	9%

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about state/standardized testing?  
 (Strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree, unsure)

Total Sample	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		TOTAL AGREE		TOTAL DISAGREE		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree		Unsure	
	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized
	Sample Size: N=1184/N=1227													
39/57. State/Standardized testing is necessary to ensure students are on track to graduate ready for college or careers	30%	28%	42%	41%	72%	69%	20%	23%	14%	14%	6%	8%	8%	8%
40/58. State/Standardized testing is mostly a way for testing companies to profit off our children	13%	12%	22%	22%	35%	35%	50%	48%	25%	23%	25%	25%	15%	17%
41/59. State/Standardized tests lead teachers to narrow the curriculum to what is tested	25%	26%	40%	39%	65%	65%	21%	22%	17%	16%	4%	5%	14%	13%
42/60. State/Standardized tests are biased against certain racial/ethnic groups	8%	10%	21%	23%	29%	34%	53%	49%	23%	19%	30%	30%	18%	17%
43/61. We should leave testing in the hands of teachers, schools, and districts	20%	21%	36%	33%	56%	54%	31%	36%	22%	23%	9%	13%	13%	10%
44/62. State/Standardized tests are necessary to evaluate the performance of teachers and schools	29%	25%	43%	41%	72%	67%	21%	24%	14%	14%	7%	10%	8%	10%

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about state/standardized testing?  
 (Strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree, unsure)

Sample Size: N=304/N=384	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		TOTAL AGREE		TOTAL DISAGREE		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree		Unsure	
	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized
39/57. State/Standardized testing is necessary to ensure students are on track to graduate ready for college or careers	36%	32%	36%	36%	<b>73%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>27%</b>	16%	13%	5%	14%	6%	5%
40/58. State/Standardized testing is mostly a way for testing companies to profit off our children	14%	14%	26%	28%	<b>41%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>44%</b>	26%	23%	20%	22%	14%	14%
41/59. State/Standardized tests lead teachers to narrow the curriculum to what is tested	29%	29%	35%	44%	<b>65%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>21%</b>	19%	13%	6%	8%	10%	7%
42/60. State/Standardized tests are biased against certain racial/ethnic groups	13%	8%	19%	23%	<b>33%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>54%</b>	21%	19%	30%	34%	17%	16%
43/61. We should leave testing in the hands of teachers, schools, and districts	27%	24%	33%	32%	<b>60%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>39%</b>	20%	27%	10%	12%	10%	6%
44/62. State/Standardized tests are necessary to evaluate the performance of teachers and schools	35%	27%	40%	42%	<b>75%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>26%</b>	14%	13%	6%	13%	5%	6%

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45/63. To what extent do you support or oppose allowing parents to let their children skip taking state/standardized tests?

	State		Standardized	
	Total	Parent	Total	Parent
Sample Size	1184	304	1227	384
Strongly support	7%	11%	9%	15%
Somewhat support	15%	16%	18%	18%
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>53%</b>
Somewhat oppose	25%	26%	22%	18%
Strongly oppose	43%	39%	38%	34%
Unsure	10%	7%	14%	15%

In which of the following ways do you think student scores from state/standardized tests should be used?

Sample Size: N=1184/N=1227	Definitely should		Maybe should		TOTAL SHOULD		Neutral		TOTAL SHOULD NOT		Maybe should not		Definitely should not	
	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized	State	Standardized
46/64. To identify which schools need additional support	43%	46%	37%	34%	<b>81%</b>	<b>80%</b>	13%	16%	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	4%	3%	2%	2%
47/65. To identify which schools are failing and should be sanctioned or closed	25%	27%	32%	27%	<b>57%</b>	<b>54%</b>	22%	25%	<b>21%</b>	<b>21%</b>	10%	12%	11%	9%
48/66. To identify which teachers need additional support	35%	37%	40%	36%	<b>75%</b>	<b>73%</b>	18%	21%	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	3%	3%	3%	2%
49/67. To identify which teachers are effective and ineffective	36%	32%	29%	31%	<b>65%</b>	<b>64%</b>	21%	25%	<b>14%</b>	<b>11%</b>	8%	6%	6%	5%
50/68. To identify which teachers should be dismissed or fired	26%	23%	23%	24%	<b>49%</b>	<b>48%</b>	26%	29%	<b>25%</b>	<b>24%</b>	12%	12%	13%	12%
51/69. To ensure students have a minimum level of achievement before graduating from high school	55%	51%	27%	30%	<b>82%</b>	<b>80%</b>	14%	17%	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	3%	2%	1%	1%

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Sample Size 304/2411  <b>Parent Sample</b>	Definitely should		Maybe should		Total Should		Neutral		Total Should Not		Maybe should not		Definitely should not	
	State	Standardi zed	State	Standardi zed	State	Standardi zed	State	Standardi zed	State	Standardi zed	State	Standardi zed	State	Standardi zed
46/64. To identify which schools need additional support	55%	46%	27%	35%	<b>82%</b>	<b>81%</b>	12%	17%	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>	5%	1%	2%	1%
47/65. To identify which schools are failing and should be sanctioned or closed	30%	26%	26%	25%	<b>56%</b>	<b>51%</b>	24%	24%	<b>20%</b>	<b>24%</b>	8%	15%	11%	9%
48/66. To identify which teachers need additional support	45%	34%	33%	38%	<b>78%</b>	<b>72%</b>	15%	22%	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	4%	4%	2%	2%
49/67. To identify which teachers are effective and ineffective	45%	33%	25%	28%	<b>70%</b>	<b>61%</b>	19%	29%	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>	7%	6%	4%	4%
50/68. To identify which teachers should be dismissed or fired	32%	25%	20%	21%	<b>52%</b>	<b>46%</b>	24%	29%	<b>24%</b>	<b>25%</b>	12%	13%	13%	12%
51/69. To ensure students have a minimum level of achievement before graduating from high school	60%	46%	23%	32%	<b>83%</b>	<b>78%</b>	14%	17%	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	2%	3%	1%	2%

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Now I would like to ask you a few final questions just for statistical purposes...

QParty. What is your current party registration?

	<i>Total</i>
Republican	30%
Democratic	41%
Independent/No Party Preference	29%

Gender. Are you male or female?

	<i>Total</i>
Male	48%
Female	52%

Age. Which of the following categories reflects your age?

	<i>Total</i>
18 to 24	8%
25 to 34	16%
35 to 44	15%
45 to 54	19%
55+	43%

ETHN. What best describes your racial or ethnic heritage?

	<i>Total</i>
White/Non-Hispanic	62%
Latino/Hispanic	23%
Black/African American	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7%
Other	1%
Unsure	0%

Do you have children?

	<i>Total</i>
Yes	65%
No	35%

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## Parent Subsample

	<i>Total</i>
Parent with child/children in (K-12)	29%
Parent with child/children not in (K-12)	36%
Not a Parent	35%

## QRegion. What area do you live in?

	<i>Total</i>
Bay Area	22%
North/Sierra	3%
Central Coast	3%
Central Valley	18%
Inland Empire	9%
Orange County	10%
Los Angeles	26%
San Diego	10%