

TOPLINE SURVEY RESULTS

Conducted: June 23 - 27, 2025
Number of Respondents: 1000
Margin of Error: $\pm 3.1\%$

Q8. Would you say the United States is headed in the right direction or that the country is on the wrong track?

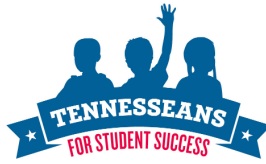
Response	Percent
Right Direction	73.9
Wrong Track	17.3
Unsure	8.8

Q9. Would you say Tennessee is headed in the right direction or that the state is on the wrong track?

Response	Percent
Right Direction	66.7
Wrong Track	19.2
Unsure	14.1

Q10. Tennessee has enacted a law aimed at giving parents a clear indicator of school performance by assigning every school an A through F school rating grade. This grade is based on things like student achievement and student growth. Are you supportive of this A through F letter grade rating system?

Response	Percent
TOTAL SUPPORT	77.2
TOTAL UNSUPPORT	12.3
NET	64.9
Very Supportive	47.2
Somewhat Supportive	30.0
Somewhat Unsupportive	4.3
Very Unsupportive	8.0
Unsure	10.5



Q11. Do you support Public School Choice?

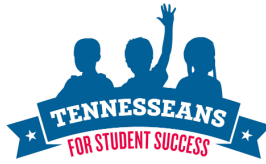
Response	Percent
TOTAL SUPPORT	79.4
TOTAL OPPOSE	15.1
NET	64.3
Strongly Support	57.2
Somewhat Support	22.2
Somewhat Oppose	6.1
Strongly Oppose	9.0
Not Sure	5.5

Q12. Do you support more charter schools and non-traditional public-school choices like magnet and Montessori public schools in your community?

Response	Percent
TOTAL SUPPORT	63.9
TOTAL OPPOSE	23.9
NET	40.0
Strongly Support	36.3
Somewhat Support	27.6
Somewhat Oppose	10.1
Strongly Oppose	13.8
Not Sure	12.3

Q13. How important is it to test public school students from grades three through twelve each year to know if they are meeting the state's education standards in reading, writing, and math?

Response	Percent
TOTAL IMPORTANT	86.0
TOTAL UNIMPORTANT	11.6
NET	74.4
Very Important	66.2
Somewhat Important	19.8
Somewhat Unimportant	6.2
Very Unimportant	5.4
Unsure	2.4



Q14. When it comes to the education of Tennessee children, how important is it to hold schools and teachers accountable for the success, growth, and achievement of students?

Response	Percent
TOTAL IMPORTANT	91.4
TOTAL UNIMPORTANT	6.4
NET	85.0
Very Important	66.6
Somewhat Important	24.7
Somewhat Unimportant	4.9
Very Unimportant	1.4
Unsure	2.2

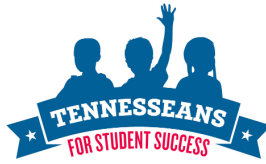
ASSESSMENTS AND TEACHER EVALUATIONS

In 2025, some Tennessee legislators pushed to remove statewide exams in U. S. History, Biology, and other subject areas, as well as eliminate annual evaluations for most public-school teachers.

Q15. Do you support removing some exams and eliminating most annual teacher evaluations?

Response	Percent
TOTAL SUPPORT	22.8
TOTAL OPPOSE	71.3
NET	-48.5
Strongly Support	8.6
Somewhat Support	14.2
Somewhat Oppose	17.3
Strongly Oppose	53.9
Not Sure	5.9

I would like to read you some statements that people have said about these proposed changes. Please indicate if they make you more or less likely to support removing some exams and teacher evaluations.



Q16. Removing exams and teacher evaluations will lower stress over testing and give teachers more time to teach. Does this statement make you more or less likely to support removing exams and teacher evaluations?

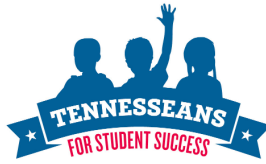
Response	Percent
TOTAL LIKELY	40.2
TOTAL UNLIKELY	41.3
NET	-1.1
Much more likely	18.0
Somewhat more likely	22.2
Somewhat less likely	11.7
Much less likely	29.6
Makes no difference	18.5

Q17. Removing exams and teacher evaluations will allow teachers to decide what they want to teach students, rather than focus on meeting set state standards and expectations. Does this statement make you more or less likely to support removing exams and teacher evaluations?

Response	Percent
TOTAL LIKELY	34.5
TOTAL UNLIKELY	51.8
NET	-17.3
Much more likely	18.1
Somewhat more likely	16.5
Somewhat less likely	15.1
Much less likely	36.7
Makes no difference	13.7

Q18. Removing exams and teacher evaluations is being pushed by national teachers' unions to lower accountability in the classroom. Does this statement make you more or less likely to support removing exams and teacher evaluations?

Response	Percent
TOTAL LIKELY	31.3
TOTAL UNLIKELY	54.1
NET	-22.8
Much more likely	20.5
Somewhat more likely	10.8
Somewhat less likely	12.5
Much less likely	41.7
Makes no difference	14.6



Q19. Now that you have heard some of the arguments, do you support removing some exams and eliminating most annual teacher evaluations?

Response	Percent
TOTAL SUPPORT	22.2
TOTAL UNSUPPORT	72.0
NET	-49.8
Strongly Support	8.9
Somewhat Support	13.3
Somewhat Oppose	14.6
Strongly Oppose	57.4
Not Sure	5.8

DEMOGRAPHICS

Q1. What is your gender?

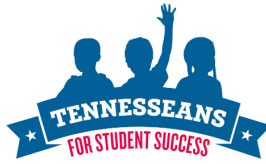
Response	Percent
Male	50.0
Female	50.0

Q2. What is your correct age bracket?

Response	Percent
18-35	11.1
36-50	18.1
51-65	28.2
66 or older	42.2
Refused	0.4

Q3. What is your race or ethnicity?

Response	Percent
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White	90.3
Black or African American	1.9
Hispanic	1.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4
Any other race or ethnicity	1.7
Prefer not to say	4.5

Q4. With which political party do you typically associate?

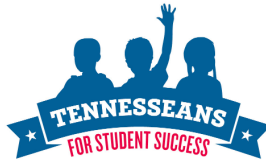
Response	Percent
Republican	74.7
Independent	13.9
Democrat	4.5
Unsure	3.5
Other	3.3

Q5. Which of the following best describes your political views?

Response	Percent
Constitutional Conservative	34.1
MAGA Republican	30.9
Moderate or Independent	19.2
Liberal	3.1
Economic Freedom Republican	2.9
Unsure	9.9

Q6. Which of these best describes your profession or sector of work?

Response	Percent
Retired	36.4
Government or Public Education	14.0
Business Owner or Self-Employed	12.5
Healthcare	7.9
Skilled Labor	5.6
Veteran	3.0
Retail	2.4
Non-Profit	1.8
Other	16.3



Q7. What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

Response	Percent
Some High School, no Diploma	1.1
High School Diploma	22.0
Some College or Vocational Training	35.1
College with a Bachelor's Degree	21.0
College with a Master's Degree	14.0
College with a Doctorate	6.4
Refused	0.3

Geo - DMA

Response	Percent
Nashville	41.2
Knoxville	23.1
Memphis	11.1
Chattanooga	10.1
Tri-Cities TN-VA	9.1
Jackson TN	4.0
Paducah-Cape Girard-Harsbg	1.0
Huntsville-Decatur (Flor)	0.4

Primary Vote History

Response	Percent
0	7.5
1	17.1
2	18.7
3	26.2
4	30.4

Phone Type

Response	Percent
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Landline	13.1
Cellphone	86.9