



2018 National Poll on Afterschool Topline Questionnaire

October 2018

Polling results are from a Lake Research Partners and The Tarrance Group designed survey conducted online in Ipsos's Omnibus using the web-enabled "KnowledgePanel," a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. general population. The survey was conducted between September 7-9, reaching 1,001 adults nationwide and has a margin of error of +/- 3%.¹

All Survey Respondents:

1. Thinking now about school-aged children, do you agree or disagree that they should have opportunities outside of the school day to explore topics that interest them, try out new things, and gain skills like communication and teamwork?

Agree Overall	88%
Strongly agree	62%
Somewhat agree	26%
Disagree Overall	4%
Strongly disagree	1%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Not sure	7%
Refused to answer	1%

¹ The base sample was weighted by gender, metropolitan and non-metropolitan status, age, educational attainment, race, household income, and geographic region by race to reflect attributes of the actual population. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

All Survey Respondents (Continued)

2. Afterschool programs offer a wide variety of learning activities in a supervised environment, helping to keep students safe from the time the regular school day ends until 5:00 or 6:00, most days of the week. Programs often provide students with a healthy snack or meal, homework help, and hands-on activities that complement lessons from the school day while giving them fun and diverse opportunities to explore new interests and develop skills. Do you agree or disagree that afterschool programs are important to your community?

Agree Overall	89%
Strongly agree	62%
Somewhat agree	28%
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Disagree Overall	4%
Strongly disagree	1%
Somewhat disagree	3%
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Not sure	6%
Refused to answer	1%

3. Do you want federal, state, and local leaders to provide funding for afterschool and summer learning programs?

Yes	66%
No	11%
Not sure	22%
Refused to answer	1%

All Survey Respondents (Continued)

4. Do you favor or oppose eliminating all federal funds for afterschool and summer learning programs?*

Favor Overall	15%
Strongly favor	8%
Somewhat favor	8%
Oppose Overall	70%
Strongly oppose	52%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Not sure	13%
Refused to answer	1%

5. Do you favor or oppose cutting federal funds for afterschool and summer learning programs?*

Favor Overall	16%
Strongly favor	7%
Somewhat favor	10%
Oppose Overall	68%
Strongly oppose	47%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Not sure	15%
Refused to answer	1%

* Denotes a split-sampled question.

All Survey Respondents (Continued)

6. If an elected official supported public funding for afterschool and summer learning programs, would that make you:

More Likely Overall	59%
Much more likely to vote for him or her	26%
Somewhat more likely to vote for him or her	33%
Less Likely Overall	9%
Much less likely to vote for him or her	4%
Somewhat less likely to vote for him or her	4%
Makes no difference in deciding who to vote for	17%
Not sure	14%
Refused to answer	1%

7. Studies show that students who participate in afterschool and summer learning programs have a better chance to learn, grow, and reach their full potential. These programs are an integral part of the learning process, inspiring students to learn and helping them attend school more often, get better grades, and improve their likelihood of graduating. Teachers report that students in afterschool programs show more interest in learning, behave better, and complete their homework assignments. Afterschool and summer learning programs help children and youth avoid risky behaviors while offering new learning opportunities to help them do better in school and in life, regardless of the zip code they are born in.*

Do you think public funding for afterschool and summer learning programs should be increased even if it means you would pay more in taxes?

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All Survey Respondents (Continued)

Yes	49%
No	27%
Not sure	23%
Refused to Answer	1%
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Among adults who support funding for afterschool programs	
Yes	65%
No	17%
Not sure	17%

Parent Respondents:²

1. Thinking now about school-aged children, do you agree or disagree that they should have opportunities outside of the school day to explore topics that interest them, try out new things, and gain skills like communication and teamwork?

Agree Overall	89%
Strongly agree	65%
Somewhat agree	23%
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Disagree Overall	3%
Strongly disagree	0%
Somewhat disagree	3%
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Not sure	7%
Refused to answer	1%

² For parents response, n=301.

Parent Respondents (Continued)

2. Afterschool programs offer a wide variety of learning activities in a supervised environment, helping to keep students safe from the time the regular school day ends until 5:00 or 6:00, most days of the week. Programs often provide students with a healthy snack or meal, homework help, and hands-on activities that complement lessons from the school day while giving them fun and diverse opportunities to explore new interests and develop skills. Do you agree or disagree that afterschool programs are important to your community?

Agree Overall	91%
Strongly agree	65%
Somewhat agree	26%
Disagree Overall	3%
Strongly disagree	0%
Somewhat disagree	2%
Not sure	6%
Refused to answer	1%

3. Do you want federal, state, and local leaders to provide funding for afterschool and summer learning programs?

Yes	73%
No	10%
Not sure	17%
Refused to answer	0%

Parent Respondents (Continued)

4. Do you favor or oppose eliminating all federal funds for afterschool and summer learning programs?*

Favor Overall	16%
Strongly favor	8%
Somewhat favor	7%
Oppose Overall	68%
Strongly oppose	56%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Not sure	13%
Refused to answer	3%

5. Do you favor or oppose cutting federal funds for afterschool and summer learning programs?*

Favor Overall	14%
Strongly favor	7%
Somewhat favor	7%
Oppose Overall	69%
Strongly oppose	54%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Not sure	16%
Refused to answer	1%

* Denotes a split-sampled question.

Parent Respondents (Continued)

6. If an elected official supported public funding for afterschool and summer learning programs, would that make you:

More Likely Overall	67%
Much more likely to vote for him or her	35%
Somewhat more likely to vote for him or her	32%
Less Likely Overall	5%
Much less likely to vote for him or her	2%
Somewhat less likely to vote for him or her	4%
Makes no difference in deciding who to vote for	12%
Not sure	15%
Refused to answer	1%

7. Studies show that students who participate in afterschool and summer learning programs have a better chance to learn, grow, and reach their full potential. These programs are an integral part of the learning process, inspiring students to learn and helping them attend school more often, get better grades, and improve their likelihood of graduating. Teachers report that students in afterschool programs show more interest in learning, behave better, and complete their homework assignments. Afterschool and summer learning programs help children and youth avoid risky behaviors while offering new learning opportunities to help them do better in school and in life, regardless of the zip code they are born in.*

Do you think public funding for afterschool and summer learning programs should be increased even if it means you would pay more in taxes?

Yes	51%
No	22%
Not sure	27%
Refused to Answer	1%

For more public opinion polling data on afterschool and summer learning programs, visit:
<http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/research.cfm>.