

# Arkansas voters EDUCATION POLL



1. Do you support or oppose requiring school districts to **notify the State of Arkansas of any substantiated allegations, arrests, or charges involving a teacher** so these may be reflected in the state's teacher licensing system?

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	84%	68%	75%	76%
Oppose	6%	11%	7%	8%
Unsure	10%	20%	19%	16%

2. Do you support or oppose creating an **Arkansas workforce dashboard for job seekers** to find available jobs and training in their region?

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	76%	80%	67%	74%
Oppose	11%	7%	12%	10%
Unsure	13%	13%	21%	16%

3. Do you support or oppose giving Arkansas students in grades three through eight an **individual intervention plan if they fall behind in math?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	69%	77%	64%	70%
Oppose	16%	10%	17%	15%
Unsure	15%	13%	19%	15%



4. Do you support or oppose **increasing the minimum teacher salary in Arkansas** from \$36,000 a year to \$50,000 a year?

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	68%	83%	63%	70%
Oppose	21%	8%	22%	18%
Unsure	11%	9%	15%	12%

5. Would you support or oppose **expanding school safety measures in Arkansas**, such as crisis response training and mental health awareness training?

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	72%	77%	61%	70%
Oppose	9%	10%	13%	11%
Unsure	19%	14%	25%	20%

6. Do you support or oppose providing **free college tuition to teachers** if they agree to teach in high-need subject areas or geographic areas in Arkansas for a certain number of years?

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	58%	75%	69%	67%
Oppose	21%	10%	14%	16%
Unsure	21%	15%	16%	17%

7. Do you support or oppose making it **easier for school districts to terminate problematic teachers**?

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	83%	46%	61%	65%
Oppose	6%	25%	16%	15%
Unsure	12%	30%	23%	21%

**8. Do you support or oppose providing **12 weeks of paid maternity leave** to Arkansas teachers?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	57%	76%	62%	<b>64%</b>
Oppose	29%	15%	23%	<b>23%</b>
Unsure	14%	9%	15%	<b>13%</b>

**9. Do you support or oppose offering Arkansas high school students **dual track diplomas** so they can take on high-paying jobs upon graduation?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	64%	63%	60%	<b>62%</b>
Oppose	17%	17%	11%	<b>15%</b>
Unsure	19%	20%	29%	<b>23%</b>

**10. Do you support or oppose a proposal to **deploy 120 literacy coaches** to help students in low-performing schools throughout Arkansas?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	56%	56%	58%	<b>57%</b>
Oppose	17%	17%	15%	<b>16%</b>
Unsure	27%	27%	27%	<b>27%</b>

**11. Do you support or oppose providing **grants or similar support** to Arkansas school districts and **public charter schools** that provide high-impact tutoring to their students?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	60%	50%	51%	<b>54%</b>
Oppose	19%	31%	27%	<b>25%</b>
Unsure	21%	20%	22%	<b>21%</b>

12. Would you support or oppose allowing all **Arkansas parents to use a portion of their tax dollars to enroll their kids in any school of their choice?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	69%	27%	50%	51%
Oppose	16%	57%	37%	35%
Unsure	14%	17%	13%	14%

13. Do you support or oppose requiring Arkansas students to **complete 75 hours of community service** in order to graduate from high school?

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	44%	39%	38%	41%
Oppose	28%	39%	40%	35%
Unsure	27%	23%	22%	24%

14. Do you support or oppose giving young struggling readers in Arkansas a **\$500 literacy tutoring grant?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	31%	51%	28%	36%
Oppose	46%	27%	45%	40%
Unsure	24%	22%	27%	24%

15. Do you support or oppose giving Arkansas school boards the option to **partner with charter schools or similar entity** to run their school if they are at risk of state takeover due to low performance?

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	47%	24%	31%	35%
Oppose	30%	49%	31%	35%
Unsure	24%	28%	39%	30%

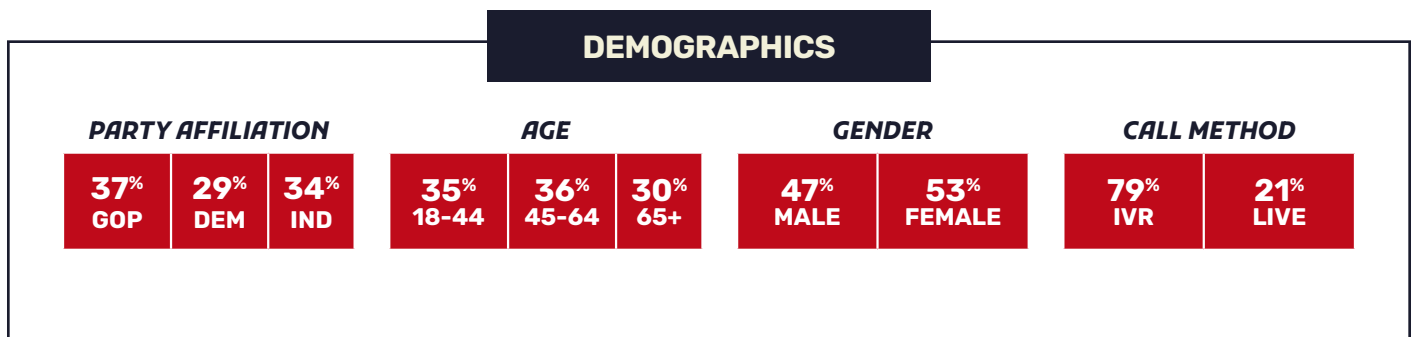


**16. Critical Race Theory teaches that America’s institutions and those that benefited from them are inherently rooted in racism. Do you support or oppose the teaching of **Critical Race Theory** in Arkansas’s schools?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	12%	56%	25%	<b>29%</b>
Oppose	74%	23%	46%	<b>50%</b>
Unsure	14%	22%	29%	<b>21%</b>

**17. Do you support or oppose teaching concepts like **sexual reproduction, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other sexually explicit material** in Arkansas schools in grades kindergarten through fourth grade?**

	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	6%	32%	16%	<b>17%</b>
Oppose	83%	35%	62%	<b>62%</b>
Unsure	11%	32%	23%	<b>21%</b>



Results for this poll were collected by Opportunity Arkansas Foundation using an independent polling firm. The questions utilized an IVR and live call survey from a statewide sample of 505 likely Arkansas voters, conducted February 13-15, 2023, with a margin of sampling error of ± 4.36 percentage points. The margin of sampling errors may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding. Data were post-stratified using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections was used to construct sample target weights. Opportunity Arkansas Foundation paid for all costs associated with these surveys.

