



Clark County II
WEIGHTED TOPLINE
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GENDER

Women	52%
Men	48%

q1. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, which of the following ethnic groups describes you best?

White or Caucasian	67 %
Black or African American	10 %
Hispanic/Latino	14 %
Asian American or Pacific Islander	4 %
Native American	1 %
Mixed race	1 %
[VOL] other	2 %
[VOL] Don't know	1 %

q2. Do you have any school-aged children, kindergarten through 12th grade, living in your household?

Yes	30 %
No	70 %
DK/NA	0 %

q3. Generally speaking, do you think things in the Clark County School District are moving in the right direction, or are they pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Right direction	32 %
Wrong track	42 %
DK/NA	26 %

I'm going to read you a list of people and organizations active in public life. After each, please tell me overall, do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of ? **[READ NAME FROM LIST BELOW/ROTATE]** If you haven't heard of them,{6}, or if you don't know enough about them to have an impression,{5}, just say so and we will move on.

[ROTATE]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	No Opinion	DK
q4. Brian Sandoval	22%	37%	12%	8%	20%	2%
q5. Donald Trump	26%	16%	8%	40%	10%	0%
q6. Clark County Board of School Trustees	6%	22%	12%	13%	42%	5%
q7. Republicans in the State Legislature	14%	24%	18%	23%	22%	0%
q8. Clark County Education Association	7%	22%	12%	12%	38%	8%
q9. Democrats in the state legislature	22%	29%	14%	20%	14%	0%

__ Now I'm going to read you the names of some people and institutions that are working on education. After I read each name, please tell me if you think they are doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job working to improve education in the state. If you aren't sure how good a job that person or institution is doing on education, just say so. **[ROTATE]**

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	DK
q10. Republicans in the State Legislature	2%	14%	35%	25%	23%
q11. Governor Brian Sandoval	7%	28%	33%	14%	18%
q12. Democrats in the State Legislature	6%	21%	30%	20%	22%

q13. At the national level, the Republican party won control of the Presidency and both the Senate and the House of Representatives in the recent election. If nothing is accomplished in Washington, DC, whom will you blame the most? Please pick one. **[READ, ROTATE]**

<input type="checkbox"/> Democrats in Congress	14 %
<input type="checkbox"/> President Trump	14 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Republicans leading Congress	41 %
[DO NOT READ] None	4 %
[DO NOT READ] All	18 %
[DO NOT READ] DK/NA/REF	8 %

q14. At the state level, the Republican party, led by Governor Brian Sandoval, continues to control the governor's office. Since the election, Democrats now control both the state Senate and the Assembly. If nothing is accomplished in the upcoming state I

<input type="checkbox"/> Democrats leading the Legislature	40 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Governor Sandoval	13 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Republican legislators	19 %
[DO NOT READ] None	3 %
[DO NOT READ] All	16 %
[DO NOT READ] DK/NA/REF	9 %

q15. How important is it to you that Democratic leaders in the state legislature and the Republican governor put aside their differences and work together to solve problems facing the state, particularly on education?

Very important	86 %
Somewhat important	10 %
Not too important	1 %
Not important at all	2 %
Not sure	1 %

q16. How optimistic are you that Democratic leaders in the state legislature and the Republican governor can put aside their differences and work together to solve problems facing the state, particularly on education?

Very optimistic	18 %
Somewhat optimistic	43 %
Not too optimistic	24 %
Not optimistic at all	14 %
[DO NOT READ] DK/NA	2 %

q17. In your view, what is the very first thing legislators and the governor need to do to start solving problems facing education in Nevada?

Work together/Compromise	23 %
Increase funding	14 %
Hire more/Better teachers	7 %
Pay teachers more	5 %
Quality education	4 %
Break up the district/Too big	3 %
Get rid of testing	3 %
Stop infighting	2 %
Implement vouchers/ESAs	2 %
Cut spending	2 %
Test teachers/get rid of tenure/easier to fire teachers	2 %
Deal with state budget deficit	2 %
Improved curriculum	2 %
Raise taxes	1 %
Go after unions/teachers	1 %
Wasting money	1 %
Allow school choice	1 %
Remove Illegal immigrants from schools	1 %
Reduce class size	1 %
OTHER SPECIFY	7 %
DK/NA	15 %

18. Last year, the Nevada Legislature passed a reform package, signed by the Governor, that fundamentally changed the way education is delivered in Clark County. Schools are moving from a system where the central district bureaucracy makes all the decisions, to a system in which each local school has real independence to allocate budgets, decide curriculum and tailor educational activities to its students' needs. Under this system of school self-governance, individual schools have control over 85% of their budgets. A self-governance team made up of the school principal, parents and teachers are in charge of making these decisions. Do you favor or oppose this reform? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not strongly?

Favor, strongly	54 %
Favor, not strongly	21 %
NET FAVOR	75%
Oppose, not strongly	7 %
Oppose, strongly	11 %
NET OPPOSE	18%
DK/NA	7 %

q19. As a result of this reform package, the process of shifting control in Clark County from the central bureaucracy to individual schools to parents, teachers and principals has started. Which of the following comes closer to your opinion: **[ROTATE]**

This reform is adequate and is all that needs to be done.

OR

It's time to take the next step, which is making sure each school receives the money it needs to meet the different needs of the students in each school.

Which of those comes closer to your own view? **[IF OPTION CHOSEN, ASK: Do you feel that way strongly or not strongly?]**

That's all, strongly	12 %
That's all, not strongly	4 %
NET	16%
Time to take next step, not strongly	20 %
Time to take next step, strongly	54 %
NET	75%
[DO NOT READ] Neither	4 %
[DO NOT READ] DK/NA	6 %

I'm going to read you some different ideas people have suggested to reform education in our state.

After I read each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that idea. **[DO YOU FAVOR/OPOSE STRONGLY OR NOT STRONGLY?]** If you are not sure, you can tell me that, too.

	Favor, strongly	Favor, not strongly	Oppose, not strongly	Oppose, strongly	DK/NA
SPLIT SAMPLE A	30%	19%	15%	30%	6%
q20. Educational Savings Accounts, which give parents \$5000 to spend on their child's education in any way they want					
SPLIT SAMPLE B	39%	18%	11%	26%	5%
q21. Educational Savings Accounts, as created by Governor Sandoval, which give parents \$5000 to spend on their child's education in any way they want					
q22. Letting parents choose which public school their child attends	53%	18%	9%	14%	6%
q23. Allowing parents to use the \$5000 from the Educational Savings Account to pay themselves to homeschool their child	18%	12%	15%	50%	5%
q24. Giving parents more control over their children's school's hiring, budget and curriculum decisions	38%	24%	14%	19%	5%
	Favor,	Favor,	Oppose,	Oppose,	DK/NA

	strongly	not strongly	not strongly	strongly	
q25. Moving away from a system where central school district bureaucracies make all the decisions, toward a system in which each local school allocates its budget, decides curriculum and tailors educational activities to its students' need	52%	23%	8%	11%	6%
q26. Creating an equitable funding system so each school receives the money it needs based on what that school's students need, including special education, English Language learners, students living in poverty or gifted and talented students, rather than just giving the money out based on the number of students in the school	62%	19%	6%	7%	6%

I'm going to read you some more ideas, specifically about Educational Savings Accounts, which give parents \$5000 to spend on their child's education in any way they want. After I read each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that idea. **[DO YOU FAVOR/OPOSE STRONGLY OR NOT STRONGLY?]** If you are not sure, you can tell me that, too. **[ROTATE]**

	Favor, strongly	Favor, not strongly	Oppose, not strongly	Oppose, strongly	DK/NA
q27. Creating Educational Savings Accounts, as long as funding for these accounts is not taken from the state's general education fund or decreases the overall amount of tax money available for public schools	42%	21%	9%	16%	12%
q28. Creating Educational Savings Accounts for parents to use at any public or private school, as long as that school gives parents control over the school's hiring, budget and curriculum	27%	20%	14%	31%	7%
SPLIT SAMPLE A	26%	22%	14%	31%	8%
q29. Creating Educational Savings Accounts that allow parents to spend the money in any way they want for educating their children.					
SPLIT SAMPLE B	18%	12%	14%	54%	3%
q30. Creating Educational Savings Accounts that allow parents to spend the money in any way they want for educating their children, including paying themselves to homeschool their child					

q31. **[READ, ROTATE FIRST 2 STATEMENTS]**

Opponents of vouchers say they drain tax money away from already underfunded public schools and unfairly give a large subsidy to wealthy families who don't need it. Supporters of vouchers say that giving parents the ability to send their child to any school they want will improve education for all students and force poor performing schools to do better.

As a compromise, some people have proposed that \$5000 Education Savings Accounts should be created, but with a few requirements: **[ROTATE EACH]**

- The money to pay for them doesn't take any money away from public schools;
- The vouchers can be used only at schools where the overall funding formula is based on the specific needs of the students in that school;
- The vouchers can only be used at schools where parents already have control over the school's hiring, budget and curriculum decisions;
- Parents cannot use the money to pay themselves to homeschool their children;

Do you favor or oppose this compromise approach? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE ASK: Do you FAVOR/OPPOSE strongly or not strongly?]**

Favor, strongly	38 %
Favor, not strongly	22 %
NET FAVOR	60%
Oppose, not strongly	13 %
Oppose, strongly	17 %
NET OPPOSE	30%
DK/NA	10 %

q32. Which is more important to you personally? **[READ, ROTATE]**

That all schools receive funding based on how many students are in a school.

OR

That schools receive funding that's adequate to meet the needs of the students they serve. In other words, schools with more special education kids, English language learners, students living in poverty or gifted and talented students get the money they need.

[IF CHOICE SELECTED]: Do you feel that way strongly or not strongly?

Funding based on number of students, strongly	20 %
Funding based on number of students, not strongly	4 %
NET	24%
Funding depends on the needs of the students, not strongly	15 %
Funding depends on the needs of the students, strongly	50 %
NET	65%
[DO NOT READ] Neither	2 %
[DO NOT READ] Both	5 %
[DO NOT READ] DK/NA/REF	4 %

q33. Please tell me which comes closer to your opinion ROTATE] ___ Giving a \$5000 education voucher to wealthy families is unfair. ___The wealthy pay taxes and they should be eligible for a \$5000 education voucher like everyone else. [Do you feel that way strongly or not strongly?]

Vouchers for wealthy unfair, strongly	32 %
Vouchers for wealthy unfair, not strongly	9 %
NET	41%
Wealthy pay taxes, not strongly	15 %
Wealth pay taxes, strongly	31%
NET	46%
[VOL] Neither	8 %
[VOL] DK/NA	4 %

[ASK Q34 – Q36 TO PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN ONLY, PER Q2]

q34. Does your oldest child attend a public school in Clark County?

Yes	76 %
No	22 %
DK/NA	1 %

q35. How much influence do you think you, as a parent, have over your child's education? **[READ]**

A great deal	40 %
Quite a lot	18 %
Some	30 %
Not much at all	12 %
[DON'T READ] DK/NA	1 %

q36. Do you think parents in your child's school have too little influence over education in that school, the right amount of influence or too much influence?

Too little	40 %
The right amount	48 %
Too much	4 %
[DON'T READ] DK/NA	8 %

RESUME ASKING EVERYONE

q37. Do you personally know a school teacher?

Yes	59 %
No SKIP TO Q40	39 %
[VOL] Respondent is a teacher SKIP TO Q40	1 %
[VOL] DK/NA SKIP TO Q40	0 %

q38. How valuable are education-related discussions with a teacher to you, personally? **[READ]**

Extremely valuable	50 %
Very valuable	30 %
Somewhat valuable	13 %
Not very valuable	2 %
Not valuable at all	2 %
[DO NOT READ] DK/NA	3 %

q39. How much influence should teachers' views on education policy have on state legislators? **[READ]**

A great deal	56%
Some	34 %
Not too much	6 %
None	2 %
[DO NOT READ] DK/NA	3 %

RESUME ASKING EVERYONE

q40. If parents and teachers differ on reforming education, which side, parents or teachers, should state legislators pay more attention to? **[READ]**

Parents, strongly	19 %
Parents, not strongly	5 %
Teachers not strongly	12 %
Teachers, strongly	33 %
[DO NOT READ] Both	25 %
[DO NOT READ] Neither	2 %
[DO NOT READ] DK/NA	4 %

q41. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

strong Republican	23 %
not so strong Republican	4 %
Indep leans Republican	5 %
NET	32%
Independent	22 %
Indep leans Democratic	5 %
not so strong Democrat	8 %
strong Democrat	29 %
NET	42%
Other [SPECIFY]	2 %
DK/NA	3 %

q42. Do you or does any member of your household belong to a labor union?

Yes	14 %
No	85 %
DK/NA	1 %

q43. Are you or is a member of your household a member of a teachers union?

Yes	4 %
No	94 %
DK/NA	1 %

q44. Which candidate did you support in the November election, ROTATE] ___ Hillary Clinton, ___ Donald Trump ___ Gary Johnson or did you not get the chance to vote?

Clinton	45 %
Trump	36 %
Johnson	2 %
Didn't vote/Didn't vote for President	6 %
[VOL] DK/NA/REF	12 %

q45. What was the last level of schooling you completed?

High school graduate or less	21 %
Some college education	28 %
College graduate	36 %
Postgraduate	13 %
DK/NA	1 %

q46. What is your age?

18-29	12 %
30-39	14 %
40-49	19 %
50-59	17 %
60-69	12 %
70+	20 %
Ref/DK	5 %

City

Las Vegas	31 %
Boulder City	2 %
Unincorporated	40 %
Henderson	15 %
Mesquite	2 %
N Las Vegas	10 %

CD

CD 1	29 %
CD 3	37 %
CD 4	34 %

Party Registration

Rep	30 %
Dem	46 %
Ind/Othr	23 %