



Speak Up 2007

Parent Survey

State: NH

Results based on 132 survey(s).

1 Are you a

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Mom	111	84%	79%
Dad	19	14%	17%
Grandmother	1	1%	1%
Grandfather	0	0%	0%
Other relative or guardian	1	1%	2%

2 Please mark any grades that your child(ren) attend

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Preschool	4	3%	6%
Kindergarten - Grade 1 - Grade 2	33	25%	28%
Grade 3 - Grade 4 - Grade 5	61	46%	36%
Grade 6 - Grade 7 - Grade 8	65	49%	44%
Grade 9 - Grade 10 - Grade 11 - Grade 12	57	43%	39%
Other	4	3%	3%

3 How would you describe your own technology skills?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
An advanced tech user – My skills are more advanced than most adults I know.	40	30%	34%
An average tech user – My skills are the same as most adults I know.	81	61%	57%
A beginner tech user – I am still learning how to use most technology tools.	11	8%	9%

4 Which of these activities do you do regularly using technology?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Create a multimedia presentation like PowerPoint	45	34%	40%

Create or listen to podcasts or videos	53	40%	39%
Download music	74	56%	53%
Email or IM my child's teacher or other adults	122	92%	91%
Email or IM or Text with my child(ren)	72	55%	51%
Go to TV show websites to give feedback or vote	52	39%	27%
Maintain a personal website like MySpace or Facebook	37	28%	18%
Participate in online communities	36	27%	25%
Participate in virtual reality environments like Second Life	4	3%	2%
Personalize news feeds	9	7%	12%
Play online games	63	48%	34%
Read or post blog or wiki entries	27	20%	23%
Remix content (such as music, video, text)	20	15%	10%
None of the above	2	2%	3%

5 What kind of Internet access do you have at home?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
A computer with no Internet access	7	5%	1%
A computer with "dial-up" or slow Internet access	3	2%	5%
A computer with "DSL or "Cable" Internet access	117	89%	90%
Smartphone with Internet access (like a Treo or Blackberry)	2	2%	2%
I do not have a computer at home.	2	2%	1%

6 Which of these online tools do you use regularly to get information and/or to communicate with your child's teacher(s) or school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Class website	13	10%	33%
School website	78	59%	67%
Email	76	58%	77%
Instant Messages or Text Messages	7	5%	4%
Listserv announcements or electronic newsletters	11	8%	22%
School bulletin boards or discussion boards	14	11%	14%
School portal that provides access to grades, homework and events	30	23%	33%
Teacher's blog	3	2%	4%
I don't use any of these tools.	7	5%	4%

I don't have access to these tools on a regular basis.	7	5%	1%
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7 What has been the impact of using online tools to connect with your child's teacher(s) or school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Better able to help my child with homework.	41	31%	41%
Better informed about my child's grades and overall achievement level.	58	44%	62%
Better informed about school events	62	47%	64%
Better informed about upcoming homework assignments and tests.	43	33%	46%
Feel more connected to my child's school.	53	40%	52%
Have a better relationship with my child's teacher.	27	20%	37%
Have a greater appreciation for the challenges faced by my child's teacher.	15	11%	19%
Know more people at the school.	6	5%	10%
Learned about after school and community events through the school.	30	23%	32%
My child believes that I am better informed about his/her school, classroom and activities.	33	25%	35%
My child is doing better in school	22	17%	20%
Understand the needs at the school.	22	17%	23%
Worry less about what is happening at school.	19	14%	24%
None of the above	17	13%	6%
Other	7	5%	4%

8 What are the top 5 features that you would like to have in the perfect "one-stop" school portal or website?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Ability to email or IM with my child's teacher(s) or the school principal	73	55%	65%
Ability to email or IM with other parents at the school	15	11%	12%
Comparative test scores between my child's school and other schools	25	19%	20%
Downloadable parent information via podcasts	12	9%	8%
Emergency school information	49	37%	36%

Homework assignments	85	64%	70%
Information about afterschool or community events	43	33%	28%
Information about government policies affecting my child's school or education	15	11%	14%
Information about standardized tests and test scores	19	14%	23%
Internet safety tips	11	8%	9%
Listing of school needs or volunteer opportunities	26	20%	25%
My child's attendance, academic progress and grades	75	57%	65%
PowerPoints and materials from teachers' lessons	29	22%	24%
Recommendations on appropriate video or online games for children	8	6%	8%
Resources for parents about health and safety issues with children	7	5%	7%
Resources for parents about helping children with schoolwork	26	20%	21%
School calendar, general school news, reminders	73	55%	56%
Suggestions for additional academic activities that we can do at home to support the classwork	30	23%	21%
Teacher blog of daily or weekly lessons	29	22%	27%
Other	4	3%	2%

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What are the top 3 things that you think would improve technology use at your child's school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Classroom teachers should receive training on how to integrate technology into learning.	33	25%	38%
Classroom teachers should receive training on how to use current technology tools.	33	25%	27%
Internet access should be wireless and available for students to use anywhere on campus.	21	16%	14%
Make sure that teachers use current, high quality technology products.	36	27%	33%
Include students' ideas on technology use at school.	36	27%	19%
Students should be able to use their own technology devices, such as laptops, that they bring	13	10%	9%

to school.

Students should receive training on how to use technology for schoolwork.	50	38%	41%
Students should spend time every day using a wide variety of technology tools.	26	20%	22%
Technology tools should be integrated into daily instruction.	36	27%	37%
There should be enough technology at school for all students to use.	60	45%	42%
Other	9	7%	4%

10 Thinking about your child(ren), how does the use of technology in learning impact their academic achievement?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Accelerates learning opportunities.	69	52%	58%
Addresses different learning styles and matches my child's pace of learning.	49	37%	41%
Better able to relate academic material to real world situations.	46	35%	35%
Better able to retain the subject matter.	22	17%	22%
Better grades and performance on tests.	34	26%	25%
Develops creativity and self-expression.	51	39%	39%
Develops teamwork and collaboration skills.	29	22%	20%
Develops critical thinking and problem solving skills.	39	30%	37%
Easier to review and practice problems in difficult subjects.	35	27%	30%
Enhances self confidence.	41	31%	30%
Fosters independent work.	63	48%	44%
Greater awareness of global issues.	35	27%	25%
Improves attendance with less discipline problems.	13	10%	8%
Increases engagement in school and learning.	44	33%	31%
Personalizes the learning experience.	35	27%	29%
Strengthens communications skills.	44	33%	26%
None of the above	3	2%	4%

11 Do you think that your child's school is doing a good job of preparing today's students for the jobs of the 21st century?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Yes	26	20%	43%

No	22	17%	13%
Not Sure	40	30%	25%
No Opinion	4	3%	3%
I have not thought about this before.	12	9%	5%
I do not think this is the responsibility of K-12 education.	1	1%	1%

12 In addition to knowing core content subjects, which of these skills do you think is most important for your child(ren) to be successful in the 21st century?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Ability to work in a global society	43	33%	43%
Communicate in more than one language	40	30%	40%
Teamwork and collaboration skills	65	49%	50%
Communication skills	79	60%	64%
Ability to learn new things	66	50%	46%
Creativity and innovation skills	53	40%	44%
Know how to effectively use technology	78	59%	60%
Critical thinking and problem solving skills	79	60%	65%
Information and media literacy skills	46	35%	32%
None of the above	0	0%	0%
Other	2	2%	1%

13 What do you think is the best way for your child to acquire the technology skills needed to be successful in the 21st century?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Have access to technology at home	67	51%	57%
Teachers should use a variety of technology resources in homework assignments and reports	50	38%	43%
Make sure that my child's teacher uses the appropriate technology for instruction and homework.	47	36%	38%
Make sure that my child's teacher knows how to use technology.	48	36%	39%
Participate in after school programs or summer camps on technology	10	8%	14%
Take advanced technology classes at school	30	23%	29%
Take an online class	15	11%	11%
Use all kinds of technology as part of the typical school day	65	49%	54%
None of the above	2	2%	1%

14 Many schools are thinking about how to use mobile learning devices such as laptops, smart cell phones, PDAs and MP3 players within education. What do you think would be the primary benefits of using such devices in instruction?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Students will develop stronger communications skills.	36	27%	20%
These devices help to extend learning beyond the school day.	51	39%	38%
Use of these devices will help improve the teacher's technology skills	18	14%	15%
Improves teacher-parent-student communications	33	25%	25%
Increases student engagement in school and learning	42	32%	38%
Increases teacher productivity	18	14%	14%
Provides a way for instruction to be personalized for each student	38	29%	30%
Prepares students for the world of work	43	33%	37%
Provides ways for students to informally review classroom material	25	19%	24%
Students develop collaboration and teamwork skills	17	13%	15%
Students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills	18	14%	22%
I don't think these devices will positively impact learning.	22	17%	14%
Other	6	5%	3%

15 Business and policy leaders believe that scientific knowledge is critical to improving our nation's economic competitiveness. To what extent do you agree that improving K-12 science education should be a top national education issue?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Strongly disagree	6	5%	8%
Disagree	4	3%	3%
Agree	46	35%	36%
Strongly agree	32	24%	35%
No opinion	16	12%	6%

16 Which of these do you think would have the greatest impact on improving your child's science education?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Conducting real research on topics that my child is interested in.	67	51%	52%
Explaining why science is relevant to my child's life	42	32%	40%
Having experts come and speak to my child's class about science careers.	43	33%	34%

Learning from a teacher who is excited about science.	72	55%	60%
Learning from a teacher who is well trained in science	48	36%	44%
Opportunity for my child to create multi-media presentations of his/her scientific findings	29	22%	21%
Reading the science textbook.	9	7%	11%
Using online databases to do research.	40	30%	28%
Using standard lab tools to conduct scientific investigations.	48	36%	40%
Using technology based tools to conduct scientific investigations.	58	44%	43%
Working with other students on projects.	47	36%	29%
Other	3	2%	2%

17 Do you think that having a good understanding of science is important for your child's future?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Yes, if he/she is interested in a job that uses science.	19	14%	12%
Yes, if he/she likes studying science subjects.	2	2%	4%
Yes, if he/she is planning to go to college.	7	5%	9%
Yes, so he/she can develop good problem solving and critical thinking skills.	44	33%	36%
Yes, an understanding of science is needed to be successful.	28	21%	23%
No, it is not important for my child's future.	0	0%	1%

18 How likely are you to encourage your child to pursue a job in a science, math or technology field?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Very likely	29	22%	31%
Likely	31	23%	23%
Somewhat Likely	23	17%	15%
Unlikely	2	2%	5%
No opinion	15	11%	11%

19 Which of these factors would greatly influence you in recommending a science, math or technology career to your child?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
College scholarships	30	23%	31%
Competition for those jobs	21	16%	19%
Government policies or legislation in those fields	6	5%	4%

Level of education required for that job field	15	11%	13%
My child's academic strengths	72	55%	59%
My child's interest areas	87	66%	71%
My own experiences or knowledge of that job field	15	11%	14%
National call for more students to enter these fields	11	8%	10%
Opportunities for internships or apprenticeships in those fields	30	23%	20%
Potential income	38	29%	30%
Prestige of the job - how well respected is the job	12	9%	10%
Quality of life	46	35%	35%
Reports about the top jobs for the future	18	14%	14%
Reports that those jobs that are being outsourced to other countries	4	3%	6%
Job location	8	6%	6%

20 What skill(s) should be taught at your child's school to prepare them for a good job in the future?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Ability to communicate in more than one language	42	32%	42%
Ability to work with diverse groups of people	72	55%	58%
Awareness of global issues	51	39%	39%
Being creative and "thinking outside the box"	82	62%	65%
Competency in core academic subjects	54	41%	51%
Effective communication skills	83	63%	68%
Knowing how to be a good, responsible worker	67	51%	55%
Knowing how to solve problems	77	58%	63%
Knowing how to think critically	73	55%	63%
Knowing how to use technology	76	58%	64%
Learning new things independently	63	48%	49%
Specific jobs skills or vocational training	45	34%	24%
Understanding about money and how business works	62	47%	46%
Working in teams and collaborating	63	48%	46%
Other	3	2%	2%
None of the above	0	0%	0%

21 What concerns you the most about your child's Internet use, in school or out of school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Advertising and spam	48	36%	40%

Copyright issues / illegal file sharing	22	17%	12%
Difficulty evaluating the credibility of an online source	38	29%	31%
Ineffective Internet filters and firewalls	38	29%	30%
Meeting strangers online	71	54%	58%
Online bullying	42	32%	32%
Online predators	70	53%	59%
Plagiarism and cheating	32	24%	22%
Privacy of records and information	36	27%	31%
Sharing too much personal information online	74	56%	56%
Too much time spent on the computer	46	35%	40%
Violent or inappropriate video or online games	50	38%	39%
Virtual environments	13	10%	13%
Websites that are inappropriate for my child's age	60	45%	54%

22 How comfortable are you discussing Internet safety with your child(ren) today?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Very comfortable	93	70%	76%
Somewhat comfortable	6	5%	7%
Not comfortable	0	0%	1%
I need help with this	0	0%	1%

23 Which of these technology and Internet topics would you like to learn more about?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Avoiding online predators	44	33%	41%
Copyright and illegal file sharing issues	16	12%	13%
Dealing with online bullies	27	20%	22%
Educational benefits of virtual environments and/or online gaming sites	21	16%	16%
Evaluating online information for credibility and accuracy	32	24%	29%
How much time is too much time on the computer	24	18%	24%
Finding high quality websites to help with schoolwork	54	41%	49%
Protecting my child's personal information and education records	52	39%	46%
Technology skills needed for jobs of the future	32	24%	26%
School's policies regarding plagiarism	11	8%	9%
Things to know about my child having a MySpace page	24	18%	25%

Other 3 2% 1%

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If you were on a technology committee for a new school, which of these would you recommend as a good investment to improve student achievement?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Laptop computers for every student to use	37	28%	32%
Access to online databases for research	65	49%	53%
Career technical education classes	39	30%	34%
Digital equipment for creating multi-media projects	43	33%	35%
Educational Games/Virtual Simulations	24	18%	19%
Interactive white boards in every classroom	39	30%	34%
Online access to classroom materials, lectures, resources	68	52%	53%
Mobile learning devices (PDAs, MP3 players, graphing calculators)	19	14%	15%
Online Classes	34	26%	20%
Online tools to streamline communications between teachers, parents, students	55	42%	45%
School portal with attendance, grades and calendar information	50	38%	48%
Student access to email and IM accounts from school	16	12%	19%
Handheld student response systems	10	8%	9%
Unlimited student access to the Internet.	10	8%	7%
Web 2.0 tools such as blogs, social networking sites, wikis	4	3%	5%
Other	6	5%	2%

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In the upcoming national election year we are looking forward to hearing some new ideas from our national leaders about how to improve K-12 education. What do you think is the most important education topic our national and state leaders should be talking about this year and why? Feel free to tell us any and all ideas for solutions!

Note: Text responses too numerous to display. Highlights and summaries will be included in the national report. Please contact speakup@tomorrow.org to request your open ended responses.

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Gender

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Female	79	60%	68%
Male	18	14%	15%

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Age

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Under 29	4	3%	2%
30-39	37	28%	25%
40-49	49	37%	45%
50-59	6	5%	11%
60-69	1	1%	1%
70 +	0	0%	0%

28 Race or Cultural Identity

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	1%	1%
Asian	0	0%	4%
Black/African-American	0	0%	4%
Caucasian/White (non-Hispanic)	92	70%	67%
Hispanic/Latino	1	1%	4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0%	1%
Other	1	1%	2%

29 Educational attainment

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Less than high school diploma	1	1%	1%
High school diploma	16	12%	7%
Some College	43	33%	25%
Bachelor's degree	25	19%	30%
Graduate Education	12	9%	21%

30 Household Income

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	National %
Less than \$15,000	3	2%	1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	5	4%	2%
\$25,000-\$49,999	18	14%	8%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18	14%	13%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16	12%	15%
\$100,00 - \$150,000	27	20%	21%
More than \$150,000	4	3%	17%

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