



AFC Iowa Education Issue Survey August 2022

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Q1. First, are you a member of the press, an elected official, or are you, or anyone in your family employed by a political campaign?

Yes.....	0	0
No.....	601	100.0%

Q2. On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being extremely likely to vote and 1 being extremely unlikely to vote, how likely are you to vote in the General election on November 8th, 2022?

1.....	0	
2.....	13	2.2%
3.....	1	0.2%
4.....	1	0.2%
5.....	14	2.3%
6.....	9	1.5%
7.....	6	1.0%
8.....	23	3.8%
9.....	20	3.3%
10.....	514	85.5%

Q3. For statistical purposes, please tell me which category your current age falls into?

18-34.....	114	19.0%
35-49.....	120	20.0%
50-64.....	180	30.0%
65+.....	187	31.1%

Q4. Gender

Male.....	288	47.9%
Female.....	313	52.1%

Q5. Are you officially registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, or No-Party/Independent?

Republican.....	252	41.9%
Democrat.....	204	33.9%
No-Party/Independent.....	137	22.8%
Something else.....	8	1.3%

Q6. In your own words, what ONE issue is the most significant challenge facing Iowa's education system today?

Not Enough Parental Input/Involvement....	51	8.5%
Ineffective/Poor Curriculum.....	51	8.5%
Not Enough Good Teachers.....	57	9.5%
Not Enough Funding.....	180	30.0%
Poor Classroom Discipline.....	27	4.5%
Not Enough Technology or Textbooks.....	3	0.5%
Not Enough Career or Technical Training..	12	2.0%
Not Enough School Options.....	7	1.2%
Inability to Get Gets Kids Out of Failing Schools.....	4	0.7%
Too College-Prep Focused.....	8	1.3%
Too Much Political Propaganda.....	75	12.5%
Not Enough Access To Pre-K.....	8	1.3%
Other.....	71	11.8%
Unsure.....	45	7.5%
Refused.....	2	0.3%

Q7. Generally speaking, would you say that parents in your area have too little input, too much input, or the right amount of input in their children's education?

Strongly Too Little.....	130	21.6%
Somewhat Too Little.....	97	16.1%
TOTAL TOO LITTLE.....	227	37.7%
The Right Amount.....	257	42.8%
Somewhat Too Much.....	31	5.2%
Strongly Too Much.....	23	3.8%
TOTAL TOO MUCH.....	54	9.0%
Unsure.....	59	9.8%
Refused.....	4	0.7%

Q8. Generally speaking, would you say that teachers unions, like the National Education Association, have too little input, too much input, or the right amount of input in children's education?

Strongly Too Little.....	94	15.6%
Somewhat Too Little.....	85	14.1%
TOTAL TOO LITTLE.....	179	29.7%
The Right Amount.....	156	26.0%
Somewhat Too Much.....	57	9.5%
Strongly Too Much.....	143	23.8%
TOTAL TOO MUCH.....	200	33.3%
Unsure.....	63	10.5%
Refused.....	3	0.5%

Q9. Which ONE of the following issues are you MOST concerned about when it comes to education in Iowa: lack of funding for schools; bullying and student discipline; or outside threats of violence to student safety?

Strongly Lack of Funding.....	188	31.3%
Somewhat Lack of Funding.....	96	16.0%
TOTAL LACK OF FUNDING.....	284	47.3%
Strongly Bullying and Discipline.....	119	19.8%
Somewhat Bullying and Discipline.....	52	8.7%
TOTAL BULLYING AND DISCIPLINE..	171	28.5%
Strongly Outside Threats.....	55	9.2%
Somewhat Outside Threats.....	41	6.8%
TOTAL OUTSIDE THREATS.....	96	16.0%
Unsure.....	44	7.3%
Refused.....	6	1.0%

Q10. In your own words, what is the FIRST thing you think of when you hear the term "Education Savings Accounts"?

529 Program.....	17	2.8%
College/Trade Schools.....	64	10.6%
Good (helpful) Idea.....	61	10.1%
Account set up by Parents (Grandparents)..	33	5.5%
Saving account for college.....	93	15.5%
Scam (something negative).....	34	5.7%
School Choice.....	25	4.2%
Tax Break.....	13	2.2%
Vouchers.....	25	4.2%
Other.....	68	11.3%
Don't Know/Never heard of.....	168	28.0%

Q11. In your own words, what is the FIRST thing you think of when you hear the term "school vouchers"?

Agree with school vouchers.....	52	8.7%
Charter schools.....	8	1.3%
School Choice.....	67	11.1%
Conservative/religious agenda.....	17	2.8%
Disagree with school vouchers.....	70	11.6%
Diverting public money from public schools..	29	4.8%
Free lunch/government programs.....	41	6.8%
Governor Reynolds program.....	7	1.2%
Low income/welfare.....	34	5.7%
Money follows student.....	25	4.2%
Private Schools.....	28	4.7%
Other.....	41	6.8%
Don't know/Never heard of.....	180	30.0%

Q12. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose allowing parents to remove their students from failing public schools and put them in stronger, successful public schools?

Strongly Support.....	306	50.9%
Somewhat Support.....	156	26.0%
TOTAL SUPPORT.....	462	76.9%
Somewhat Oppose.....	55	9.2%
Strongly Oppose.....	57	9.5%
TOTAL OPPOSE.....	112	18.7%
Unsure.....	23	3.8%
Refused.....	4	0.7%

Q13. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose allowing parents to remove their students from failing public schools and put them in stronger, successful private schools?

Strongly Support.....	259	43.1%
Somewhat Support.....	149	24.8%
TOTAL SUPPORT.....	408	67.9%
Somewhat Oppose.....	61	10.1%
Strongly Oppose.....	112	18.6%
TOTAL OPPOSE.....	173	28.7%
Unsure.....	17	2.8%
Refused.....	3	0.5%

Q14. Do you support or oppose requiring schools to get permission from parents before discussing or presenting sexually explicit material to students?

Strongly Support.....	321	53.4%
Somewhat Support.....	111	18.5%
TOTAL SUPPORT.....	432	71.9%
Somewhat Oppose.....	63	10.5%
Strongly Oppose.....	74	12.3%
TOTAL OPPOSE.....	137	22.8%
Unsure.....	27	4.5%
Refused.....	5	0.8%

Q15. State leaders have proposed creating the Students First Scholarship program which will create publicly-funded Education Savings Accounts for parents who want to take their children out of public schools and place them in another school, including private schools. Do you support or oppose this plan?

Strongly Support.....	160	26.6%
Somewhat Support.....	121	20.1%
TOTAL SUPPORT.....	281	46.7%
Somewhat Oppose.....	82	13.6%
Strongly Oppose.....	197	32.8%
TOTAL OPPOSE.....	279	46.4%
Unsure.....	40	6.7%
Refused.....	1	0.2%

Q16. If the Students First Scholarship program was only available to families whose household income is 400 percent of the federal poverty line or below, which, for a family of four, would be around one hundred eleven thousand dollars per year; would that make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	97	16.1%
Somewhat More Likely.....	130	21.6%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	227	37.7%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	116	19.3%
Much Less Likely.....	166	27.6%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	282	46.9%
Unsure.....	77	12.8%
Refused.....	15	2.5%

Q17. If the Students First Scholarship program was only available to families whose household income is 600 percent of the federal poverty line or below, which, for a family of four, would be around one hundred sixty thousand dollars per year; would that make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	64	10.6%
Somewhat More Likely.....	95	15.8%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	159	16.4%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	131	21.8%
Much Less Likely.....	241	40.1%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	372	61.9%
Unsure.....	57	9.5%
Refused.....	13	2.2%

Q18. If the Students First Scholarship program was only available to families whose household income is 200 percent of the federal poverty line or below, which, for a family of four, would be around fifty-six thousand dollars per year; would that make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	170	28.3%
Somewhat More Likely.....	137	22.8%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	307	51.1%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	84	14.0%
Much Less Likely.....	150	25.0%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	234	39.0%
Unsure.....	49	8.2%
Refused.....	11	1.8%

Q19. The Students First Scholarship program would make it easier for parents to take their children out of schools where there are incidents of violence, bullying, or serious discipline problems. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	237	39.4%
Somewhat More Likely.....	170	28.3%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	407	67.7%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	48	8.0%
Much Less Likely.....	107	17.8%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	155	25.8%
Unsure.....	33	5.5%
Refused.....	6	1.0%

Q20. The Students First Scholarship program would make it easier for parents of children with special behavioral or learning needs to find education solutions that work for them. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	271	45.1%
Somewhat More Likely.....	176	29.3%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	447	74.4%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	39	6.5%
Much Less Likely.....	85	14.1%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	124	20.6%
Unsure.....	24	4.0%
Refused.....	6	1.0%

Q21. Eligible families would be able to use the money from the Students First Scholarship to pay for tutoring for their child. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	188	31.3%
Somewhat More Likely.....	190	31.6%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	378	62.9%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	70	11.6%
Much Less Likely.....	109	18.1%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	179	29.7%
Unsure.....	36	6.0%
Refused.....	8	1.3%

Q22. Eligible families would be able to use the money from the Students First Scholarship to pay for their child's tuition to a private school, including faith-based schools. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	183	30.4%
Somewhat More Likely.....	102	17.0%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	285	47.4%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	92	15.3%
Much Less Likely.....	185	30.8%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	277	46.1%
Unsure.....	33	5.5%
Refused.....	6	1.0%

Q23. If eligible families would be able to use the money from the Students First Scholarship to pay for their child's tuition and transportation to a different public school district, would that make you [more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	176	29.3%
Somewhat More Likely.....	171	28.5%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	347	57.8%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	84	14.0%
Much Less Likely.....	131	21.8%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	215	35.8%
Unsure.....	32	5.3%
Refused.....	7	1.2%

Q24. Eligible families would be able to use the money from the Students First Scholarship to pay for textbooks, computers, or other essential education equipment. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	228	37.9%
Somewhat More Likely.....	184	30.6%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	412	68.5%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	52	8.7%
Much Less Likely.....	106	17.6%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	158	26.3%
Unsure.....	23	3.8%
Refused.....	8	1.3%

Q25. If a student uses the Students First Scholarship program to leave a school district, state dollars allotted follow that student, but the original school district retains all local tax dollars. This is similar to what happens when a student leaves one school district for another due to a family move. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	123	20.5%
Somewhat More Likely.....	153	25.5%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	276	46.0%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	120	20.0%
Much Less Likely.....	132	22.0%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	252	42.0%
Unsure.....	61	10.1%
Refused.....	12	2.0%

Q26. The Students First Scholarship program would give parents more control over what their children are learning and being exposed to in school. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	229	38.1%
Somewhat More Likely.....	128	21.3%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	357	59.4%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	79	13.1%
Much Less Likely.....	134	22.3%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	213	35.4%
Unsure.....	23	3.8%
Refused.....	8	1.3%

Q27. The Students First Scholarship program would give parents the ability to put their children in schools that align to their values and beliefs. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	217	36.1%
Somewhat More Likely.....	118	19.6%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	335	55.7%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	80	13.3%
Much Less Likely.....	148	24.6%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	228	37.9%
Unsure.....	31	5.2%
Refused.....	7	1.2%

Q28. Studies show that Education Savings accounts, like those created by the Students First Scholarship program, are effective at helping parents customize their children's education to better fit their needs. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	203	33.8%
Somewhat More Likely.....	165	27.5%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	368	61.3%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	66	11.0%
Much Less Likely.....	120	20.0%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	186	31.0%
Unsure.....	38	6.3%
Refused.....	9	1.5%

Q29. Studies show that Education Savings accounts, like those created by the Students First Scholarship program, are helpful for children with exceptional needs who live in rural areas. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	263	43.8%
Somewhat More Likely.....	161	26.8%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	424	70.6%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	50	8.3%
Much Less Likely.....	92	15.3%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	142	23.6%
Unsure.....	27	4.5%
Refused.....	8	1.3%

Q30. In 2020, many public school districts did not offer in-person learning for students due to concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic. Families and organizations responded by creating small (usually less than 25 students), flexible, private, in person learning communities called learning pods or microschools. The Students First Scholarship program would help parents pay for options like these microschools or learning pods. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	180	30.0%
Somewhat More Likely.....	150	25.0%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	330	55.0%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	83	13.8%
Much Less Likely.....	144	24.0%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	227	37.8%
Unsure.....	37	6.2%
Refused.....	7	1.2%

Q31. The Students First Scholarship program would allow parents to pay for their children to attend career training programs offered by local businesses. These programs are designed to help students gain the skills needed to successfully enter the workforce. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Much More Likely.....	314	52.2%
Somewhat More Likely.....	150	25.0%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY.....	464	77.2%
Somewhat Less Likely.....	31	5.2%
Much Less Likely.....	76	12.6%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY.....	107	17.8%
Unsure.....	19	3.2%
Refused.....	11	1.8%

Q32. Iowa already uses public funds to pay for private pre-K providers and private college tuitions. The Students First Scholarship would provide a similar benefit at the K-12 level by allowing eligible families to pay for their child's tuition to a K-12 private school. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the program?

Strongly Support.....	165	27.5%
Somewhat Support.....	152	25.3%
TOTAL SUPPORT.....	317	52.8%
Somewhat Oppose.....	63	10.5%
Strongly Oppose.....	169	28.1%
TOTAL OPPOSE.....	232	38.6%
Unsure.....	41	6.8%
Refused.....	11	1.8%

Q33. Now that you have some more information, do you support or oppose the Students First Scholarship program which will create publicly- funded Education Savings Accounts for parents who want to take their children out of public schools and place them in another school, including private schools.

Strongly Support.....	183	30.4%
Somewhat Support.....	134	22.3%
TOTAL SUPPORT.....	317	52.7%
Somewhat Oppose.....	72	12.0%
Strongly Oppose.....	174	29.0%
TOTAL OPPOSE.....	246	41.0%
Unsure.....	35	5.8%
Refused.....	3	0.5%

Q34. In your own words, what is the most important reason to support the Students First Scholarship program?

Provides for better educational opportunity...	120	20.0%
Schools/teachers need competition.....	23	3.8%
Do not support the program.....	74	12.3%
Equality for all students.....	25	4.2%
Flexibility (choice) for parents/students.....	67	11.1%
Opportunities for special needs kids.....	27	4.5%
Opportunities for low income families.....	43	7.2%
Parents need control of what curriculum children are being taught	52	8.7%
Other.....	89	14.7%
Don't know/Unsure.....	81	13.5%

Q35. In your own words, what is the most important reason to oppose the Students First Scholarship program?

Abuse of funds.....	28	4.7%
Cost/Could raise taxes.....	77	12.8%
Dollars taken from schools could erode public school system	41	6.8%
Hurts low income families.....	28	4.7%
Need more information for informed decision	8	1.3%
No accountability.....	24	4.0%
Quality of education could go down.....	31	5.2%
Too much parental involvement.....	19	3.2%
Tax dollars should not go to private schools.	97	16.1%
Support Scholarship program.....	25	4.2%
Other.....	92	15.3%
Don't know/Unsure.....	130	21.6%

Q36. Generally speaking, would you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, or liberal?

Very Conservative.....	129	21.5%
Somewhat Conservative.....	122	20.3%
TOTAL CONSERVATIVE.....	251	41.8%
Moderate.....	216	35.9%
Somewhat Liberal.....	63	10.5%
Very Liberal.....	56	9.3%
TOTAL LIBERAL.....	119	19.8%
Unsure.....	13	2.2%
Refused.....	2	0.3%

Q37. Are you now, or have you ever been, employed by a public school district?

Yes.....	138	23.0%
No.....	460	76.5%
Unsure.....	3	0.5%
Refused.....	0	0

Q38. Do any of your children currently attend a public school in Iowa?

Yes.....	131	21.8%
No.....	468	77.9%
Unsure.....	2	0.3%
Refused.....	0	0

Q39. Have multiple generations of your family attended the same high school that you attended?

Yes.....	235	39.1%
No.....	361	60.1%
Unsure.....	5	0.8%
Refused.....	0	0

Q40. For statistical purposes only, what is the highest level of education you have attained?

Some High School.....	11	1.8%
High School Degree.....	89	14.8%
Some College.....	124	20.6%
Associates Degree.....	80	13.3%
Bachelors Degree.....	167	27.8%
Post-College Graduate Degree.....	127	21.1%
Unsure.....	2	0.3%
Refused.....	1	0.2%

Q41. For statistical purposes only, into which of the following categories does your annual household income fall?

Less than \$30,000.....	50	8.3%
Between \$30,000 and \$49,999.....	89	14.8%
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999.....	122	20.3%
Between \$74,999 and \$99,999.....	97	16.1%
More than \$100,000.....	169	28.1%
Unsure.....	28	4.7%
Refused.....	46	7.7%

Q42. Would you consider the area in which you live to be Urban, Suburban, Rural, or Small Town?

Urban.....	121	20.1%
Suburban.....	141	23.5%
Rural.....	121	20.1%
Small Town.....	206	34.3%
Unsure.....	11	1.8%
Refused.....	1	0.2%

Q43. Congressional District

1.....	150	25.0%
2.....	151	25.1%
3.....	150	25.0%
4.....	150	25.0%