

**Parent-Teacher Comparison Toplines – Conducted by Knowledge Networks**  
**Interview dates: January 13-23, 2006**  
**1,085 parents of children in grades K through 12 ( $\pm 3$ )**  
**810 teachers of grades K through 12 ( $\pm 3.5$ )**

**Q2: We are going to list several of the problems facing schools in America today. For each one, please answer how serious that problem is at the school attended by [CHILD]. How about...**

Parent/Teacher	Overcrowding		Good Teachers		Lack of discipline		Violence		Condition of buildings		Athletic Facilities		Low Expectations	
	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T
<b>Very Serious</b>	23.2	23.7	27.5	32.8	21.2	33.2	21.3	16.0	9.9	11.2	9.1	6.3	16.7	22.6
<b>Somewhat Serious</b>	25.4	31.1	29.7	33.4	24.5	31.7	18.1	27.8	18.0	30.0	19.9	19.3	26.5	30.7
<b>Not Too Serious</b>	32.1	29.1	30.7	23.4	33.7	26.2	27.8	29.1	38.0	37.2	44.6	39.7	30.6	28.6
<b>Not At All Serious</b>	18.4	15.7	11.4	10.2	19.7	8.6	32.0	27.1	32.9	21.6	25.3	34.4	24.9	18.0
<b>Total</b>	99.1	99.6	99.2	99.8	99.1	99.7	99.3	100.0	98.8	100.0	98.8	99.8	98.7	100.0
<b>Missing</b>	.9	.4	.8	.2	.9	.3	.7	.0	1.2	.0	1.2	.2	1.3	.0

**Q3: If you had to choose, which one subject do you think students should spend more time studying in school?**

	Parents	Teachers
Mathematics	38.9	25.8
Biology	1.2	.8
Chemistry	.5	.4
Physics	1.1	.3
English	24.0	32.8
Music	2.8	4.0
Physical Education	3.1	2.9
History	8.5	3.3
Government	4.5	2.9
Geography	1.7	2.1
Art	1.7	4.2
Foreign languages	5.1	5.0
Other (Specify)	5.9	15.4
Total	98.9	99.9
Missing	REFUSED	1.1
Total	100.0	100.0

**Q4: In general, how would you rate the job done by the high schools in your community in preparing students for college?**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	Very good job	11.1	16.2
	Good job	55.9	63.0
	Poor job	27.4	17.5
	Very poor job	4.7	3.1
	Total	99.1	99.8
Missing	REFUSED	.9	.2
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q5: In your opinion, which is the best way to measure student academic achievement?**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	By means of test scores	37.1	28.4
	By classroom work and homework	62.4	71.1
	Total	99.5	99.5
Missing	REFUSED	.5	.5
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q6: Which comes closest to your view about testing at your child's school?**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	There is too much emphasis on standardized testing	48.0	71.9
	There is not enough emphasis on standardized testing	9.7	2.2
	There is about the right amount of emphasis on standardized testing	41.3	25.4
	Total	99.0	99.4
Missing	REFUSED	1.0	.6
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q7: Which comes closest to your view about testing at your child's school?**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	Increased emphasis on standardized testing has reduced the a	64.3	76.8
	Increased emphasis on standardized testing has improved the	33.0	21.8
	Total	97.2	98.6
Missing	REFUSED	2.8	1.4
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q8: How confident are you that your school will meet those standards by the deadline?**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	Very confident	37.0	19.6
	Somewhat confident	40.7	30.5
	Not too confident	16.4	28.4
	Not at all confident	5.3	21.3
	Total	99.5	99.8
Missing	REFUSED	.5	.2
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q9: In general, how would you rate your state's current standards for reading and math? Are those standards...**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	Too harsh	12.5	20.4
	Too lenient	31.3	14.6
	About right	54.3	64.4
	Total	98.0	99.4
Missing	REFUSED	2.0	.6
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q10: Thinking about the amount of homework expected of [CHILD], do you feel the amount of homework assigned is usually...**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	Too much	19.3	11.6
	About right	57.0	63.2
	Too little	22.9	24.8
	Total	99.2	99.5
Missing	REFUSED	.8	.5
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q20: How would you rate the homework help resources available to your child on the internet?**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	Very good	18.7	14.6
	Good	63.4	65.7
	Poor	7.6	16.9
	Very poor	3.3	.9
	Total	93.1	98.1
Missing	REFUSED	6.9	1.9
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q21: If you had to choose, with which subject would you say [CHILD] needs the most help when it comes to completing [his/her] homework?**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	Mathematics	39.5	66.6
	Biology	3.1	.5
	Chemistry	1.7	2.7
	Physics	1.5	2.0
	English	13.8	6.7
	Music	.3	.0
	History	6.0	5.0
	Government	1.7	.7
	Geography	2.5	1.1
	Art	.3	.0
	Writing	15.2	11.4
	Other (Specify)	12.4	3.1
	Total	98.2	99.7
Missing	REFUSED	1.8	.3
Total		100.0	100.0

**Q22: Who would you say is more knowledgeable about the learning resources available on the Internet, you or [CHILD]?**

		Parents	Teachers
Valid	I am	57.0	73.1
	CHILD is	40.7	25.9
	Total	97.7	99.0
Missing	REFUSED	2.3	1.0
Total		100.0	100.0