Most teachers and parents think teaching in person during the pandemic is risky.

**Figure 1.** Percent of K-12 public school teachers and percent of parents of K-12 students who agree or disagree that teachers are putting their lives and their families’ lives in danger if they have to teach in person during the COVID-19 pandemic:

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<tr>
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<td>40%</td>
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**Base:** Teachers, N=702; Parents, N=706.
Numbers may not add up to 100 percent owing to rounding and the less than 1 percent of respondents who refused the question and are not represented in the figure.
Most teachers think they should decide whether to hold in-person classes during the pandemic, and most parents agree.

**Figure 2.** Percent of K-12 public school teachers and percent of parents of K-12 students who agree or disagree that teachers should be able to decide whether to teach online or in person during the COVID-19 pandemic:

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<td>Teachers</td>
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**Base:** Teachers, N=702; Parents, N=706.

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Both teachers and parents feel torn over whether in-person classes are worth the risks, whether for the sake of student learning or so that parents can get back to work.

**Figure 3a.** Percent of K-12 public school teachers and percent of parents of K-12 students who agree or disagree that despite the risk of COVID-19, teachers should hold in-person classes since that is the best way for students to learn:

![Bar chart showing responses of teachers and parents to the question of whether in-person classes are worth the risks.](chart)

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Both teachers and parents feel torn over whether in-person classes are worth the risks, whether for the sake of student learning or so that parents can get back to work.

**Figure 3b.** Percent of K-12 public school teachers and percent of parents of K-12 students who agree or disagree that despite the risk of COVID-19, teachers should hold in-person classes so that parents can get back to work:

![Bar chart](chart.png)

- **Teachers:**
  - Strongly agree: 10%
  - Somewhat agree: 30%
  - Somewhat disagree: 25%
  - Strongly disagree: 33%
  - Don't know: 3%

- **Parents:**
  - Strongly agree: 14%
  - Somewhat agree: 25%
  - Somewhat disagree: 27%
  - Strongly disagree: 25%
  - Don't know: 8%

**Base:** Teachers, N=702; Parents, N=706.

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Somewhat more teachers than parents favor requiring teachers and students to get vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to hold in-person classes.

**Figure 4.** Percent of K-12 public school teachers and percent of parents of K-12 students who agree or disagree that once a COVID-19 vaccine is available, all teachers and students should be required to be vaccinated if they want to have in-person classes:

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<td>Parents</td>
<td>21%</td>
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**Base:** Teachers, N=702; Parents, N=706.

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Just over half of Americans favor requiring teachers and students to get vaccinated for COVID-19, including more Democrats than Republicans or Independents.

**Figure 5.** Percent of Americans who agree or disagree that once a COVID-19 vaccine is available, all teachers and students should be required to be vaccinated if they want to have in-person classes, by political affiliation:

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<td>Republicans</td>
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<td>22%</td>
<td>16%</td>
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**Base:** All Americans, N=3,130; Democrats/Democrat leaning, N=1,645; Independents, N=183; Republicans/Republican leaning, N=1,110.
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Teachers and parents feel strongly that schools must help teachers support students. Somewhat more teachers than parents favor suspending standardized testing.

Figure 6. Percent of K-12 public school teachers and percent of parents of K-12 students who say it is absolutely essential for K-12 public schools to do each of the following during this school year:

- Ensure that teachers have the resources they need to help students who have fallen behind academically because of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Teachers: 83%
  - Parents: 76%

- Ensure that teachers have the resources they need to help students who are struggling socially and emotionally because of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Teachers: 83%
  - Parents: 72%

- Suspend all standardized tests so teachers have time to help students who have fallen behind academically because of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Teachers: 58%
  - Parents: 44%

Base: Teachers, N=702; Parents, N=706.
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Teachers want social and emotional support from their schools as well as help with teaching online. Parents recognize teachers’ need for support.

**Figure 7.** Percent of K-12 public school teachers and percent of parents of K-12 students who say it is absolutely essential for K-12 public schools to do each of the following during this school year:

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<td>If teachers are required to teach online because of the COVID-19 pandemic, provide equipment and technology to those teachers who need it</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>If teachers are required to teach online because of the COVID-19 pandemic, provide them with training and support to do it effectively</td>
<td>86%</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>Ensure that teachers have the resources they need if they themselves are struggling socially and emotionally because of the COVID-19 pandemic</td>
<td>76%</td>
<td>69%</td>
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Most teachers and parents think that communities value teachers more now than before the pandemic.

**Figure 8.** Percent of K-12 public school teachers and percent of parents of K-12 students who say how much their community values K-12 public school teachers now compared to before the COVID-19 pandemic:

- **Teachers, N=702; Parents, N=706.**
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**Base:** Teachers, N=702; Parents, N=706.

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