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**Online No Child Left Behind Survey  
Responses from Florida vs. the National Average**

**From what you have heard about NCLB, do you believe that you:**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Know Nothing or Little About the Law	10%	7%
Know About Some of the Provisions of the Law	61%	59%
Have An In-Depth Knowledge of the Law	29%	35%

**From what you know about NCLB, what is your opinion of the law?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
I Support the Law As It Is Without Changes: Stay the Course	1%	2%
I Support the Purposes of the Law, But Believe That It Requires Changes	72%	65%
I Do Not Support the Law At All	23%	31%
I Have No Opinion	3%	2%

**One of the major goals of NCLB is to close the academic achievement gap among children of different racial, ethnic, or economic groups. Select those provisions of the law that are essential in closing the gap.**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Highly Qualified Teachers	84%	80%
Rigorous academic standards	49%	51%
Tests aligned with standards	45%	44%
Testing of students in grades 3-8, and once in high school	31%	27%
Reporting of test scores for groups of students based on race and ethnicity, income, English language proficiency, and disability	30%	31%
Publication of test scores and other data about district and school performance	29%	26%
Strong parental involvement	82%	88%
Adequate funding and resources	91%	92%
Ability of a child to transfer to another public school if their school does not meet state academic expectations	31%	29%
Tutoring for students in schools that do not meet state academic standards	72%	69%

**NCLB currently requires that all children in grades 3 through 8, plus one grade level in high school, be tested in reading and math. Does NCLB require too much testing, too little, just right?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Too much	64%	65%
Too little	11%	9%
Just right	16%	16%
Don't know	10%	10%

**Do you believe that these testing and reporting requirements... (Select all that apply)**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Have raised awareness in your community about how your schools are doing?	61%	54%
Have provided more and better information about the academic performance in your school district?	36%	32%
Have motivated your community and parents to demand that schools that are low-performing be improved?	34%	20%
Have motivated you personally to become involved in your community?	25%	23%
Not sure	23%	29%

**Do you agree that states and school districts should be required to report test scores for students by certain characteristics, including disability, income, English language proficiency, and race/ethnicity?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Strongly agree	24%	20%
Agree	33%	34%
Disagree	15%	17%
Strongly disagree	18%	18%
Not sure	11%	10%

**Do you believe that a single test can tell if the entire student body needs academic improvement?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Strongly agree	1%	1%
Agree	6%	4%
Disagree	15%	21%
Strongly disagree	75%	71%
Not sure	3%	2%

**Do you believe that a single test can tell if individual students are performing satisfactorily?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Strongly agree	3%	2%
Agree	8%	7%
Disagree	24%	28%
Strongly disagree	63%	61%
Not sure	2%	2%

**Currently, NCLB requires testing at only one grade level in high school. There are proposals to have NCLB testing in high school in reading, science and math, and at every grade level. Do you agree that there should be additional NCLB testing in high school?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Strongly agree	9%	10%
Agree	22%	21%
Disagree	19%	23%
Strongly disagree	39%	37%
Not sure	11%	9%

**How would you rate the teachers in your local schools? Do your local schools have:**

	Florida	National
No qualified teachers	1%	0%
Some qualified teachers	23%	15%
Many qualified teachers	59%	55%
All qualified teachers	9%	23%
I have no way of judging	8%	7%

**Do you believe that, by the end of this school year, every school will meet the NCLB requirement that all teachers must be qualified in the core subjects that they teach?**

	Florida	National
Strongly believe	4%	7%
Believe	13%	19%
Disbelieve	43%	38%
Strongly disbelieve	28%	26%
Not sure	12%	10%

**Currently, states have different definitions of what it means to be a "highly qualified teacher." In judging whether a teacher is highly qualified, which of the following qualities do you believe to be most important? (For each, indicate a number between 1 and 5, with 1 for least important and 5 for most important.)**

	1	2	3	4	5
Knows the subject matter	1% (2)	1% (1)	3% (4)	17% (20)	77% (73)
Knows how to communicate and relate to students	1% (2)	1% (0)	0% (1)	11% (9)	87% (87)
Establishes a relationship between the family and the school, and keeps channels of communication open	2% (1)	3% (2)	11% (10)	22% (28)	62% (58)
Sensitive to and respects students' diverse cultural backgrounds	2% (2)	3% (3)	14% (11)	23% (26)	57% (58)
Has passed license requirements mandated by the state	4% (4)	3% (5)	12% (19)	25% (25)	56% (47)
Knows how to keep discipline and order in the classroom	2% (1)	3% (2)	10% (8)	21% (29)	64% (60)
Knows how to meet the individualized learning needs of students	2% (2)	1% (1)	3% (5)	17% (20)	77% (72)

**How important is it to have a highly qualified teacher in every classroom?**

	Florida	National
Very important	74%	68%
Important	25%	29%
Unimportant	1%	2%
Very unimportant	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%

**Would you support programs to help existing teachers become "highly qualified"?**

	Florida	National
Strongly support	68%	60%
Support	27%	33%
Oppose	2%	3%
Strongly oppose	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	3%

**What kind of information have you received about your school and districts' performance?  
(Please check all that apply)**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Information about the qualifications of teachers in my school	27%	28%
Information about the performance of my school	76%	74%
Information about the performance of my school as compared with other school districts in my district	69%	66%
Information about the performance of my school as compared with other school districts in my state	56%	64%
Information about opportunities for me as a parent or community member to become involved in improving the schools	45%	39%
Information about options for my child to transfer to another school	26%	18%
Information about tutoring services available to my child	25%	25%
None of the above	15%	14%

**How do you receive information about the performance of your school or school district?  
(Please check all that apply)**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
From my school or school district	56%	65%
From a community-based organization or advocacy group	8%	10%
From the media	53%	53%
By mail	16%	26%
By e-mail	17%	13%
By phone	3%	3%
Sent home with my child	37%	32%
On the school or school district website	41%	39%
In local newspapers	61%	62%
On local broadcast news (radio/TV)	28%	22%
Other	16%	13%

**Are you getting enough information about the performance of the schools in your community?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Too much	14%	13%
Just enough	31%	42%
Not enough	37%	31%
I am not getting information	11%	8%
Don't know	8%	6%

**Do you agree that the information that you receive about the performance of schools in your district is presented in a language and format that you can understand and easily use?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Strongly agree	16%	18%
Agree	51%	50%
Disagree	17%	17%
Strongly disagree	9%	6%
Not sure	9%	9%

<b>How strongly do you believe that the assessment data from test scores will lead to school improvement?</b>		
	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Strongly agree	4%	4%
Agree	27%	28%
Disagree	42%	39%
Strongly disagree	22%	23%
Not sure	6%	6%

<b>Have schools in your community been labeled as “in need of improvement” or “failing” because of NCLB?</b>		
	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
None	12%	20%
A few	54%	45%
Many	19%	19%
Not sure	14%	16%

<b>Have you been asked to become involved in any of the following activities related to NCLB? (Please check all that apply)</b>		
	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Developing state standards	3%	5%
Developing the state test required by NCLB	1%	3%
Developing the state and/or local report cards required by NCLB	2%	3%
Developing the district Title I parent involvement policy	1%	4%
Giving input into the district annual Title I program	2%	6%
Making recommendations for what constitutes a "highly qualified teacher" under NCLB	1%	3%
Participating in the improvement teams for schools that were identified as needing improvement	6%	11%
None of the above	91%	81%

<b>How satisfied are you with your school/district’s efforts to engage you and/or your community?</b>		
	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Very satisfied	10%	17%
Satisfied	30%	35%
Dissatisfied	26%	21%
Very dissatisfied	20%	13%
No opinion	14%	15%

<b>NCLB gives students that attend low-performing schools the choice to transfer to another public school within the school district. How much do you think this option will help students perform better academically?</b>		
	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
It will help a great deal	10%	8%
It will help a little	24%	25%
It will have no effect	29%	28%
It will have a detrimental effect	28%	28%
Not sure	10%	10%

**NCLB gives students attending low-performing schools the chance to receive tutoring after school to help them meet academic standards. How much do you think this will help students perform better academically?**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
It will help a great deal	42%	41%
It will help a little	48%	48%
It will have no effect	7%	6%
It will have a detrimental effect	1%	1%
Not sure	3%	3%

**During the 2006 elections, is it important to you that candidates for office:**

	<b>Florida</b>	<b>National</b>
Support the current NCLB law and seek its renewal	7%	4%
Support the current NCLB law, but with changes and amendments	59%	57%
Oppose the NCLB law	32%	37%
Makes no difference to me	2%	3%