



The MassINC Polling Group
The Education Trust
2026 Spring K-12 Parent Tracking Survey
 Topline Results – Post high school plans

Field dates	Interview Count
June 4 – June 19, 2020	1,502
October 16 – November 1, 2020	1,549
February 8 – March 2, 2021	1,528
April 23 – May 14, 2021	1,619
October 18 – November 2, 2021	1,479
March 17 – April 11, 2022	1,469
November 17 – December 4, 2022	1,519
April 10 – April 30, 2023	1,539
September 14 – October 1, 2023 <i>*Grades 6-12 parent survey</i>	1,018
April 8 – May 2, 2024	1,559
November 15 – December 2, 2024	1,545
April 7 – April 21, 2025	1,126
April 1 – April 14, 2026	1,069

Note: Any past waves where the survey language has been modified, question wording changes are noted below each question with an Asterix. If not specified, the question has remained the same.*

ASK FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS OF PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES 6 THRU 12 ONLY. CHOOSE RANDOM CHILD FROM 6 THRU 12. IF THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN THE CHILD FROM PREVIOUS SECTIONS, SAY (PHONE) “Now I’d like to ask about your GRADE LEVEL child.” AND FOR ONLINE: “Now I’d like you to answer a few questions about your GRADE LEVEL child.”

What would your **GRADE LEVEL** child most like to do after high school?

	Oct 23	Apr 25	Apr 26
Begin an Associate degree	9%	13%	17%
Begin a Bachelor’s degree	53%	48%	45%
Begin a training program for a trade job	14%	15%	14%
Enter the workforce	6%	10%	8%
Something else	6%	4%	4%
Don’t know / refused	12%	11%	14%

Do you think that your **GRADE LEVEL** child’s school is adequately preparing your child for life after high school?

	Nov 22	Apr 25	Apr 26
Yes	68%	70%	69%
No	23%	26%	19%
Don’t know / refused	8%	4%	12%

***Note:** November 2022 survey asked this only of grades 9-12

Using the letters A, B, C, D, and F, how would you grade your **GRADE LEVEL** child's school in the following areas?

ROTATE ORDER	Dates	A	B	C	D	F	DK / refused
Offering enough opportunities for students to earn college credit through options such as advanced placement courses, dual enrollment, and early college	Nov 22	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Apr 25	37%	21%	18%	7%	4%	13%
	Apr 26	35%	26%	15%	6%	4%	15%
Helping students develop a clear college or career plan	Nov 22	32%	33%	15%	5%	6%	10%
	Apr 25	32%	28%	17%	9%	3%	11%
	Apr 26	32%	30%	16%	7%	4%	11%
Helping students take steps to achieve their college or career plan	Nov 22	34%	32%	14%	5%	5%	9%
	Apr 25	34%	28%	19%	6%	3%	10%
	Apr 26	35%	31%	15%	5%	4%	10%
Helping families complete FAFSA and financial aid applications	Nov 22	20%	23%	16%	6%	8%	27%
	Apr 25	22%	22%	18%	6%	7%	25%
	Apr 26	24%	21%	16%	6%	6%	27%

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Age

18 to 34 years old	12%
35 to 39 years old	18%
40 to 44 years old	23%
45 to 49 years old	22%
50+	25%

Gender

Men	45%
Women	54%
Non-binary	1%
Some other way	0%
Don't know / refused	1%

Race

White	63%
Black / African-American	7%
Hispanic / Latino	15%
AAPI	9%
All other	6%
Don't know / refused	1%

Education

High school or less	27%
Some college, no degree	22%
College degree	26%
Advanced degree	25%
Don't know / refused	<1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 1,069 parents of K-12 students in Massachusetts. Live telephone interviews and online interviewing were conducted in English and Spanish April 1 – April 14, 2026. Telephone respondents were reached by both landline and cell phone. Oversamples of Black, Latino, and Asian respondents were obtained to bring the total interview count up to at least 170 for each group for the base sample. Results within race and ethnicity were weighted to age, gender, geography, and education level for each group. Groups were then combined and weighted to the population parameters by race for the state as a whole. The credibility interval for this survey is +/- 3.7 percentage points for the entire sample, including the design effect. The poll was sponsored by The Education Trust.