

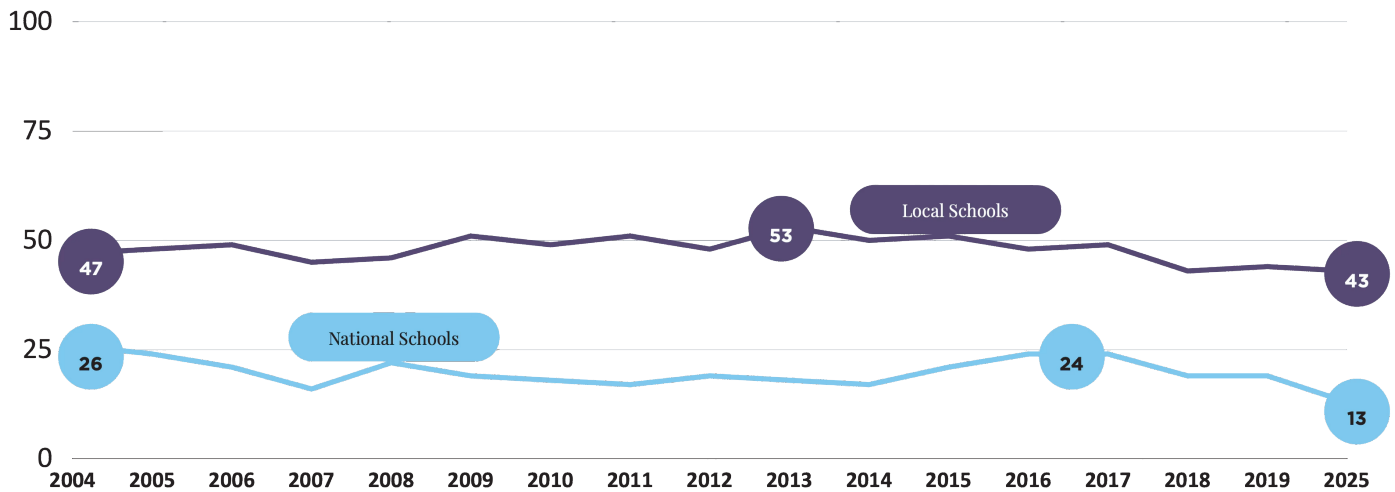
# Poll Points

DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE 2025 **PDK**Poll

## Is there eroding confidence in America's public schools?

### Grading the public schools

Percentages of those giving their local schools and schools nationally an "A" or "B" grade.



Throughout the history of the PDK Poll, there has been a clearly observable disparity with how respondents rate their own local school district compared to the public schools at large. For many years, we asked this question each year and we added it back to our poll in 2025.

Based upon last year's responses for this question, it appears that yes, there are fewer Americans giving the public schools an "A" or "B" mark. We also asked about a topic we had visited before, whether parents would be interested in sending their child to a private or religious school if funding was provided to do so. Forty-one percent of respondents would keep their child in public schools and 59% would "probably send" their child to a non-public school.

We also asked whether parents are satisfied with the amount of input they have in their child's education. Thirty percent were very satisfied and 40% were somewhat satisfied.

*Students are often given letter grades to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves in your community were graded the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in your community — A, B, C, D, or Fail? What grade would you give public schools nationally?*

	Local Public Schools	Public Schools Nationally
A	13%	3%
B	30	10
C	24	39
D	16	19
Fail	10	15

## National Support for Alternative Public Schools

