

During the survey portion of the research, participants were asked to circle the numbers for the five items in each survey category that they saw as most essential in public education. Below are the Top 5 responses by survey category.

TOP 5 RESPONSES BY SURVEY CATEGORY

EARLY CHILDHOOD (30 survey items)

SUPERINTENDENTS

Teachers specialized in reading for grades 1-3
Public early childhood education programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds
The availability of full-day kindergarten programs
Family literacy programs
Smaller class size

PRINCIPALS

Smaller class size
Teachers specialized in reading for grades 1-3
Public early childhood education programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds
Intensive reading enrichment programs for students with reading difficulties
The availability of full-day kindergarten programs

BOARD MEMBERS

Teachers specialized in reading for grades 1-3
Smaller class size
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
Public early childhood education programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds
A system to ensure that no child moves beyond 3rd grade without reading and writing fluently
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Smaller class size
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
Public early childhood education programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds
Family literacy programs
Intensive reading enrichment programs for students with reading difficulties

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Smaller class size
A system to ensure that no child moves beyond 3rd grade without reading and writing fluently
Teachers specialized in reading for grades 1-3
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Smaller class size
Intensive reading enrichment programs for students with reading difficulties
A system to ensure that no child moves beyond 3rd grade without reading and writing fluently
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
Teachers specialized in reading for grades 1-3
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling

STUDENTS

More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
A system to ensure that no child moves beyond 3rd grade without reading and writing fluently
Smaller class size
Intensive reading enrichment programs for students with reading difficulties

PARENTS

More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
Smaller class size
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
Intensive reading enrichment programs for students with reading difficulties
Teachers specialized in reading for grades 1-3

BUSINESS LEADERS

More strategies to help parents get involved in their child's schooling
Public early childhood education programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds
A system to ensure that no child moves beyond 3rd grade without reading and writing fluently
Smaller class size
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling