

**FABRIZIO, LEE & ASSOCIATES  
TENNESSEE STATEWIDE SURVEY  
TOPLINE**

SAMPLE SIZE: N=500 Tennessee Likely GOP Primary Voters - 40% cell phone users  
FIELD DATES: July 12-16, 2017

Good evening. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling from First Media Services, a national public opinion firm. This evening we're conducting a short public opinion survey and we'd like to get your input. We are not trying to sell anything and your answers will remain confidential.

Are you over 18 and registered to vote in Tennessee?

Yes	100
No (ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE REGISTERED)	-

Do you or does anyone in your household work for a newspaper, a television station, a radio station, or a market research company?

Yes/Don't Know/Refused (TERMINATE)	-
No (CONTINUE)	100

In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a (**ROTATE**) Republican, Democrat or Independent?

Republican	73
Independent	19
Democrat	6
Other (VOLUNTEERED)	1
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

**IF PREVIOUS GOP PRIMARY VOTERS**

As you may be aware, very few people actually vote in primary elections. How likely is it that you will vote in NEXT year's REPUBLICAN primary for Governor? Would you say that you will definitely vote in the primary, probably vote in the primary, are about a 50-50 chance to vote, probably not vote in the primary, or definitely not vote in the primary?

Definitely vote in the REPUBLICAN primary for Governor (CONTINUE)	85
Probably vote in the REPUBLICAN primary for Governor (CONTINUE IF REPUBLICAN)	15
50-50 chance to vote in the primary (TERMINATE)	-
Probably NOT vote in the primary (TERMINATE)	-
Definitely NOT vote in the primary (TERMINATE)	-
DK/Refused (TERMINATE)	-

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Bill Haslam is doing? (**IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK**) Would you say you **STRONGLY** (approve/disapprove) or just **SOMEWHAT** (approve/disapprove)?

<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>DISAPPROVE</b>	<b>18</b>
Strongly approve	32
Somewhat approve	43
Somewhat disapprove	8
Strongly disapprove	9
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	7

And, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing in Nashville? (**IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK**) Would you say you **STRONGLY** (approve/disapprove) or just **SOMEWHAT** (approve/disapprove)?

<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>DISAPPROVE</b>	<b>21</b>
Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	53
Somewhat disapprove	12
Strongly disapprove	9
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	11

All other things being equal, would you be **MORE** likely or **LESS** likely to support a candidate or Governor who pledged to continue Governor Haslam's Education Reforms and policies? If it would have no impact on your vote, just say so. (**PROBE: Much/Somewhat**)

<b>MORE LIKELY</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>NO IMPACT</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>LESS LIKELY</b>	<b>14</b>
Much more likely to support	15
Somewhat more likely to support	28
Somewhat less likely to support	9
Much less likely to support	6
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	7

And turning to issues...

Which ONE of the following issues do you believe should be the top priority for the Governor?

**(READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-8)**

Improving the economy and creating jobs	24
Making health care more accessible and affordable	19
Keeping our streets and communities safe from crime	13
Improving the quality of public education	13
Investing in infrastructure like roads and bridges	8
Reducing government regulation	8
Lowering taxes	7
All of the above (DO NOT READ)	6
None of the above (DO NOT READ)	1
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Generally speaking, would you say that public education in grades K through twelve here in Tennessee is **(ROTATE)** getting better, getting worse or has it stayed about the same?

Getting better	22
Getting worse	30
Stayed about the same	41
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	6
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Now more specifically, would you say that public education in grades K through twelve here in your local community is **(ROTATE)** getting better, getting worse or has it stayed about the same?

Getting better	24
Getting worse	28
Stayed about the same	40
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	7
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

If you knew the following were true about a candidate for Governor, would it make you MORE LIKELY or LESS LIKELY to support that candidate. If it would have no impact on your vote, just say so. **(First/Next) if you knew a candidate for Governor who...(INSERT FROM LIST) (PROBE: Much/Somewhat) (RANDOMIZE LIST)**

	<b>TOTAL MORE LIKLEY</b>	<b>TOTAL LESS LIKELY</b>	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Smwt Less Likely	Much Less Likely	No Impact	DK/ Ref
Favors increasing education funding	<b>66</b>	<b>16</b>	42	24	7	9	16	2
Favors teacher evaluations that measure multiple factors	<b>65</b>	<b>15</b>	34	31	9	6	17	3
Supports higher academic standards for public schools.	<b>79</b>	<b>8</b>	49	30	5	2	12	2
Supports tougher statewide testing that mirrors what is taught in the classrooms	<b>52</b>	<b>23</b>	26	25	13	11	21	4
Favors expanding the options of parents to choose the school they send their children to.	<b>67</b>	<b>16</b>	44	23	8	7	15	3
Supports increasing teacher pay	<b>71</b>	<b>12</b>	43	28	5	7	15	3
Favors improving early learning opportunities	<b>71</b>	<b>8</b>	40	31	5	3	17	3
Has a program designed to recruit young people to become teachers	<b>64</b>	<b>7</b>	33	31	5	3	26	2
Favors expanding early workforce training programs	<b>79</b>	<b>6</b>	45	34	4	2	11	4

### Switching gears...

In your opinion, when it comes to having sufficient academic knowledge and skills, do you believe graduates of Tennessee's public high schools are – very prepared, somewhat prepared, somewhat unprepared or very unprepared – to meet the expectations they face as they take the next steps after high school?

<b>PREPARED</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>UNPREPARED</b>	<b>41</b>
Very prepared	6
Somewhat prepared	47
Somewhat unprepared	25
Very unprepared	17
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	6
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

More specifically, in your opinion, are Tennessee's high school graduates properly prepared for college or a job? (**PROBE: DEFINITELY/PROBABLY**)

<b>YES</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>52</b>
Definitely yes	8
Probably yes	33
Probably no	28
Definitely no	24
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	7
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Now, as you may know, Tennessee has a policy that uses the year-to-year academic growth of students in part to measure a teacher's achievement and use it as part of the teacher's annual review. Do you favor or oppose this policy? (**IF FAVOR/OPOSE, ASK**) **Would you say you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose)?**

<b>FAVOR</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>OPOSE</b>	<b>37</b>
Strongly favor	24
Somewhat favor	31
Somewhat oppose	17
Strongly oppose	20
Don't Know/Not sure (DO NOT READ)	9
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Now, if you knew that in a statewide survey of public school teachers in Tennessee, more than 65% said that teacher evaluations have led to improvements in student learning, would you favor or oppose the policy of using the year-to-year academic growth of students as a part of measuring a teacher's achievement? **(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK) Would you say you STRONGLY**

<b>FAVOR</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>27</b>
Strongly favor	27
Somewhat favor	40
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	14
Don't Know/Not sure (DO NOT READ)	5
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

And, thinking for a moment about testing students in our state's public schools...

How important is it to test students from grades three through eleven each year to know if they are meeting the state's education standards in reading, writing and math? Is it... **(READ 1-4, 4-1)**

<b>IMPORTANT</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>10</b>
Very important	62
Somewhat important	26
Not too important	6
Not at all important	4
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Thinking some more about standardized academic testing in Tennessee public schools, based on what you know, would you say that...(READ AND ROTATE STATEMENTS)

ALL the standardized tests in Tennessee public schools are chosen and administered by the state.	43
SOME of the standardized tests in Tennessee public schools are chosen and administered by the state and some are chosen and administered by the local school district	30
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	27

And, in general, do you believe that students in Tennessee's public schools are given... **(READ AND ROTATE 1-3, 3-1)**

Too many tests	37
About the right amount of tests	35
Not enough tests	12
Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	15
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

And, now thinking about this...

As you may know, Tennessee is using a new end of year test to better assess what a child learns in a school year. These new tests are called TN (TEE-EN) Ready and were designed to better match what is actually being taught in Tennessee classrooms. The TN Ready test is designed to measure problem solving, critical thinking, and other skills needed for 21st century careers.

Knowing this, do you favor or oppose implementing these new tests? **(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK)**  
**Would you say you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose)?**

<b>FAVOR</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>24</b>
Strongly favor	28
Somewhat favor	37
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	13
Don't Know/Not sure (DO NOT READ)	11
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

**IF FAVOR, ASK:**

Now, thinking some more about this new TN Ready test, it is likely when they are implemented that student test scores will drop significantly as students and teachers get used to the new tests. Knowing this, would you still favor or oppose implementing the new tests known as TN Ready? **(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK)** **Would you say you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose)?**

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<b>FAVOR</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>12</b>
Strongly favor	30
Somewhat favor	48
Somewhat oppose	9
Strongly oppose	3
Don't Know/Not sure (DO NOT READ)	10

**CONTINUE TO ALL:**

Would you favor or oppose allowing parents to opt their children out of the new English language arts and math end-of-the-year standardized tests, like the new TN Ready tests? **(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK)** **Would you say you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose)?**

<b>FAVOR</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>54</b>
Strongly favor	16
Somewhat favor	17
Somewhat oppose	22
Strongly oppose	33
Don't Know/Not sure (DO NOT READ)	12
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

And, on another topic...

As you may know, charter schools are schools, which receive public funding but operate independently of the traditional local public school system.

Would you favor or oppose giving Tennessee parents a choice in where they send their kids to school, by expanding charter schools here in the state? **(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK) Would you say you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose)?**

<b>FAVOR</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>23</b>
Strongly favor	45
Somewhat favor	27
Somewhat oppose	6
Strongly oppose	17
Don't Know/Not sure (DO NOT READ)	5
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*





