



**Q1** How would you rate North Carolina's public school system when it comes to how well it educates students with special educational needs due to learning, developmental, and/or behavioral disabilities? Would you say that it is good, fair, or poor?

- Good..... 30%
- Fair ..... 44%
- Poor ..... 26%

**82% OF PARENTS WITH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN ARE IN FAVOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Q2** Do you believe that children with special needs sometimes require customized educational programs not always available in public schools?

- Yes..... 68%
- No ..... 13%
- Not sure ..... 19%

**Q3** In your opinion, do you think private schools in North Carolina do a better job than, worse job than, or about the same job as public schools at meeting the challenges of educating children with special needs?

- Better ..... 41%
- Worse..... 16%
- About the same.... 35%
- Don't know ..... 8%

**Q4** If a private school offered the best education available for a child with special needs, would you favor allowing parents to claim a tax credit to send their child to that private school? Would you be very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

- Very favorable..... 49%
- Somewhat favorable ..... 27%
- Somewhat unfavorable ..... 13%
- Very unfavorable ... 8%
- Neutral/unsure..... 2%



**Q5** Would you say that you are personally favorable or unfavorable towards an approach that would allow North Carolina parents the ability to use a special needs scholarship to choose which school to send their children to?

- Very favorable..... 45%
- Somewhat favorable ..... 29%
- Somewhat unfavorable ..... 14%
- Very unfavorable..... 5%
- Neutral/Unsure..... 7%

**Q6** The North Carolina legislature is currently debating a bill that would allow parents of children with special educational needs to claim a tax credit for sending their children to a private school. Would you say that you are personally favorable or unfavorable to this approach of allowing parents of children with special needs to send their children to the school of their choice?

- Very favorable..... 52%
- Somewhat favorable ..... 28%
- Somewhat unfavorable ..... 11%
- Very unfavorable..... 6%
- Neutral/unsure ..... 3%

**CUTTING ACROSS ALL DEMOGRAPHICS – GENDER, RACE AND PARTY LINES – 80% OF NORTH CAROLINIANS POLLED ARE IN FAVOR OF A BILL ALLOWING TUITION TAX CREDITS FOR PARENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.**