

# NAEP 2021 School Survey

## Highlights from March 2021 Results

### ABOUT THE STUDY

The NAEP 2021 School Survey is a pilot study to provide data for understanding learning opportunities offered by schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data have been collected monthly since February from nationally representative samples of schools with a grade 4 or a grade 8. The survey is scheduled to collect data through June 2021. Results are available at the Monthly School Survey Dashboard available at <https://ies.ed.gov/schoolsurvey/default.aspx>.

### OVERVIEW OF DATA COLLECTION FOR MARCH

- Between April 14 and 27, NCES collected data from 2,200 schools with grade 4 and 2,100 schools with grade 8 about the status of schools reopening for March 2021.
- Participation rates varied for each survey question, with national public school participation rates ranging from 65% to 78%. To view national participation rates per question, see page 8. Visit the dashboard website for state- and district-level participation rates in [grade 4](#) and [grade 8](#).

### SURVEY SCHEDULE

What are the data collection windows?	What months will the data represent?	When will the dashboard be updated?
February 22 – March 12	January*	March 24
March 17 – 30	February	April 7
<b>April 14 – 27</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>May 6</b>
May 19 – June 2	April	June 10
June 16 – 29	May	July 8

\*Question one in the first data collection reflects February 22- March 12 due to wording of question.

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### Trends in percentage of public schools in the nation by type of instruction offered: January – March, 2021

#### Findings:

- Eighty-eight percent of public schools with a grade 4 were open for hybrid or full-time in-person learning in March – up nearly 10 percentage points since February.
- More than half were open for full-time in-person instruction to all students.

Grade 4

Percentage of public schools with a grade 4	Jan	Feb	Mar
Open for full-time or hybrid instruction to ANY students	77*	79*	88
Open full-time for ALL students	47*	51*	56
Not open for in-person instruction (Remote only)	23*	21*	12
Offering hybrid to any students	38*	37*	44
Offering remote-only to any students	89	90	89

#### Findings:

- Eighty-nine percent of public schools with a grade 8 were open for hybrid or full-time in-person learning in March – up nearly 10 percentage points since February.
- About half were open for full-time in-person instruction to all students.

Grade 8

Percentage of public schools with a grade 8	Jan	Feb	Mar
Open for full-time or hybrid instruction to ANY students	75*	80*	89
Open full-time for ALL students	46*	46*	51
Not open for in-person instruction (Remote only)	25*	20*	11
Offering hybrid to any students	43*	44*	49
Offering remote-only to any students	85	88	87

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Note: The first data collection (labeled as January) asked schools to indicate their current instructional offerings and took place from February 22 – March 12. All other questions asked respondents about January.

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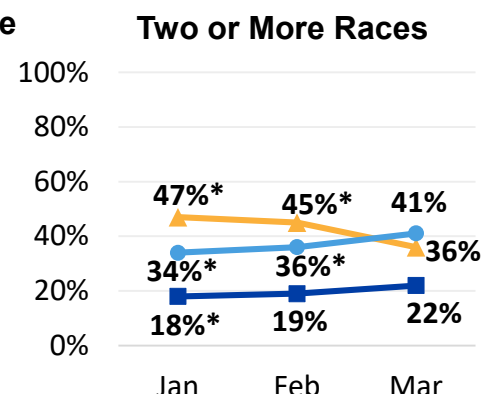
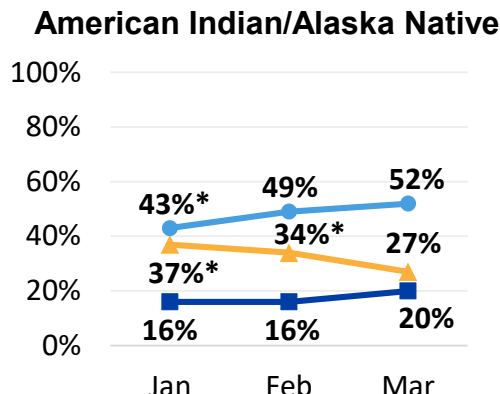
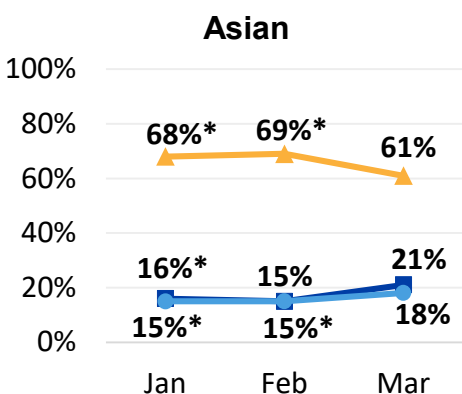
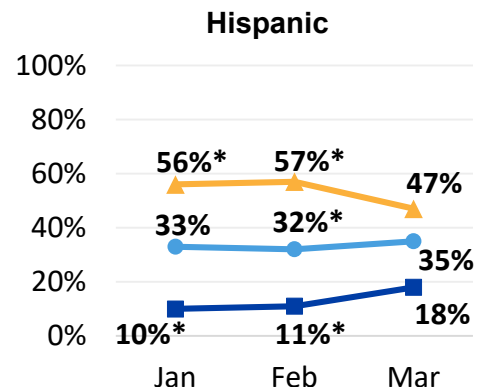
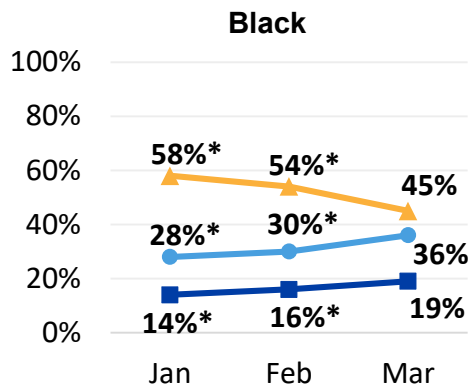
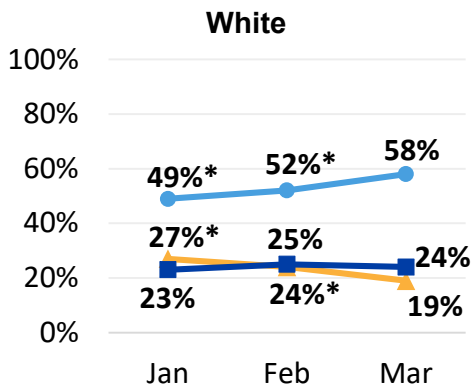
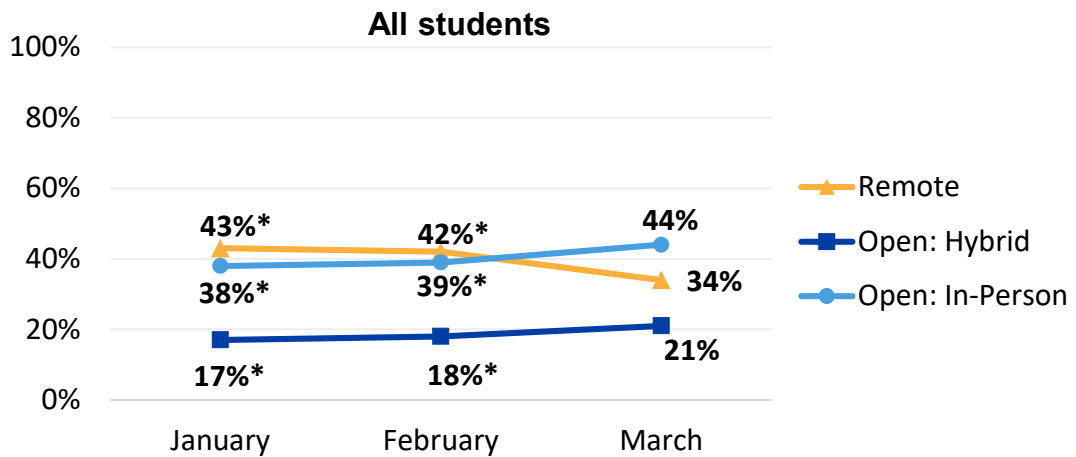
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### Trends in percentage of fourth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by race/ethnicity: January – March, 2021

#### Findings:

- Sixty-five percent of public school fourth-graders were enrolled in full-time in-person or hybrid instruction in March – up 8 percentage points since February.
- About 44 percent of public school fourth graders enrolled for in-person learning in March, up five percentage points since February
- Most student groups had increases in the percentage of students enrolled in full-time in-person instruction; however, a larger proportion of White students continued be enrolled full-time in-person than their Black, Hispanic, and Asian peers.

Grade 4



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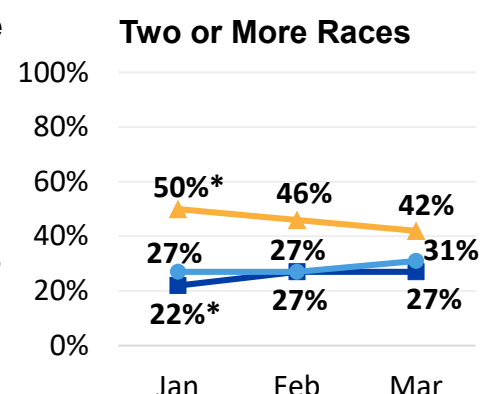
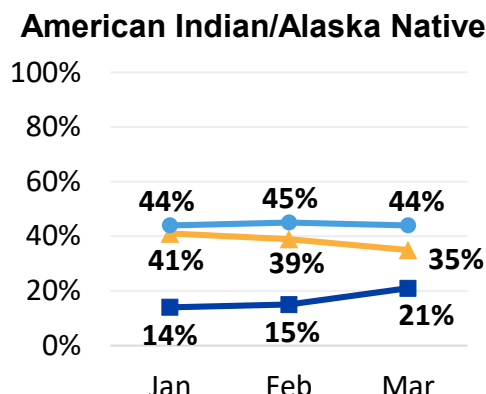
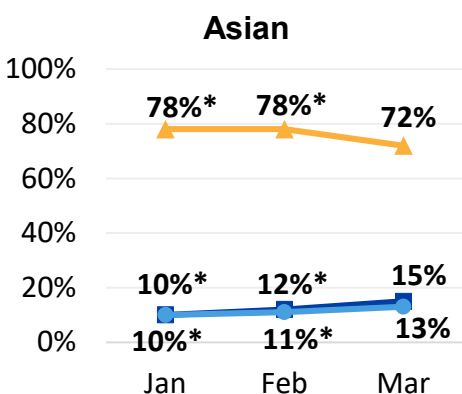
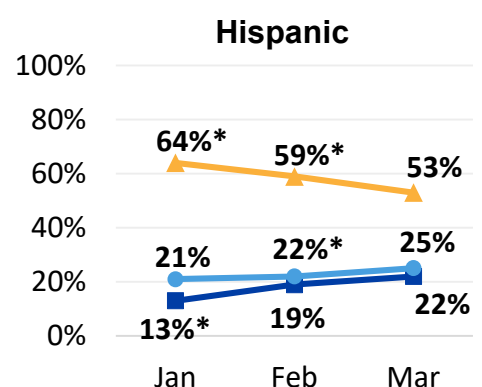
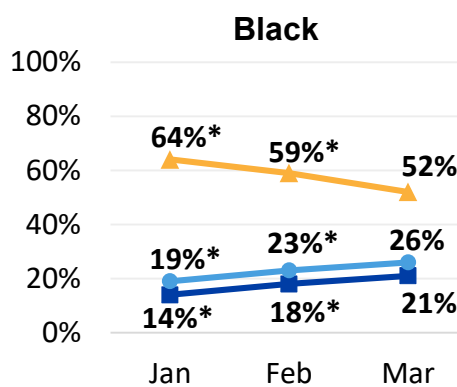
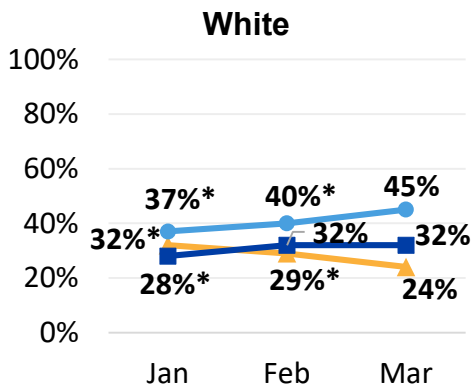
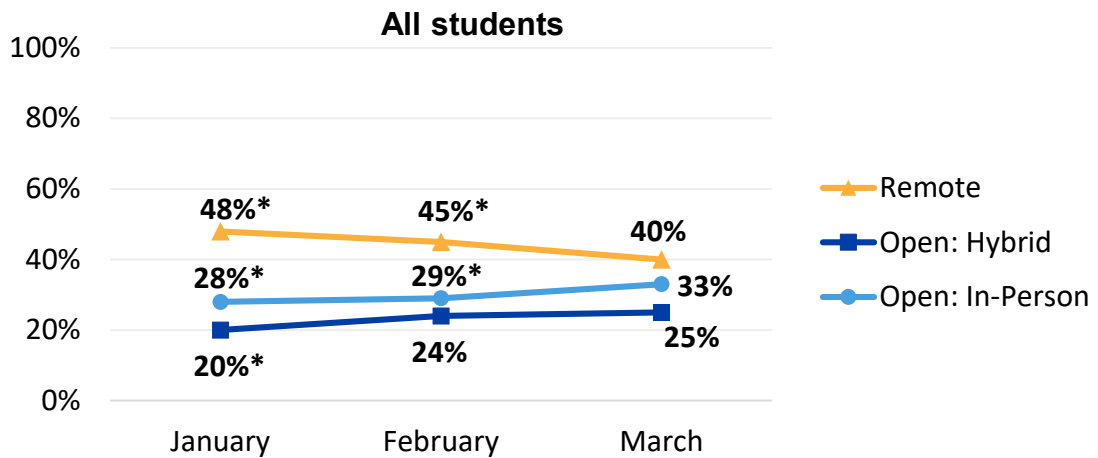
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### Trends in percentage of eighth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by race/ethnicity: January – March, 2021

#### Findings:

- Fifty-eight percent of public school fourth- and eighth-graders were enrolled in full-time in-person or hybrid instruction in March – up 5 percentage points since February.
- About one-third of public school eighth graders enrolled in full-time in-person learning in March, up 4 percentage points since February
- Most student groups had increases in the percentage of students enrolled in full-time in-person instruction; however, a larger proportion of White students continued to be enrolled full-time in-person than their Black, Hispanic, and Asian peers.

Grade 8



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## Highlights from March 2021 Results

### Trends in percentage of fourth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by region: January – March, 2021

#### Findings:

- Every region made gains in the percentage of public school fourth-graders enrolled full-time in-person in March.
- In the West, the percentage of public school fourth-graders in enrolled in school either full-time or in a hybrid model increased from 24 percent in February to 41 percent in March.

Percentage of students enrolled in public schools in grade 4		Jan	Feb	Mar
Northeast	In-person full-time or hybrid	59	59	62
	In-person full-time	23	19*	26
	Hybrid	36	40	37
	Not in person (remote-only)	41*	40	36
South	In-person full-time or hybrid	61*	66*	72
	In-person full-time	46*	52*	55
	Hybrid	15	14*	17
	Not in person (remote-only)	37*	33*	27
Midwest	In-person full-time or hybrid	65*	72	74
	In-person full-time	49*	53*	58
	Hybrid	16	19	17
	Not in person (remote-only)	32*	27*	24
West	In-person full-time or hybrid	‡	24*	41
	In-person full-time	‡	14*	18
	Hybrid	‡	10*	23
	Not in person (remote-only)	‡	75*	59

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### Trends in percentage of eighth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by region: January – March, 2021

#### Findings:

- Every region saw decreases in full-time enrollment for remote learning at grade 8 in March.
- Only the West remains above 50 percent in the percentage of public school eighth-graders enrolled in full-time remote learning.

Percentage of students enrolled in public schools in grade 8		Jan	Feb	Mar
Northeast	In-person full-time or hybrid	42*	50*	58
	In-person full-time	10	10*	13
	Hybrid	32*	40	44
	Not in person (remote-only)	54*	50*	40
South	In-person full-time or hybrid	54*	61*	65
	In-person full-time	38*	42	45
	Hybrid	16	19	19
	Not in person (remote-only)	42*	38*	33
Midwest	In-person full-time or hybrid	61*	69	72
	In-person full-time	35*	37*	44
	Hybrid	26	32	29
	Not in person (remote-only)	33*	29*	25
West	In-person full-time or hybrid	23*	23*	33
	In-person full-time	9	8*	12
	Hybrid	13*	15	21
	Not in person (remote-only)	75*	72*	65

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**Percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade public school students, by enrollment mode  
and state: February – March, 2021**

Jurisdiction	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS BY ENROLLMENT IN INSTRUCTIONAL MODE																	
	Grade 4									Grade 8								
	In person			Hybrid			Remote			In person		Hybrid		Remote				
	Feb	March		Feb	March		Feb	March		Feb	March		Feb	March		Feb	March	
Nation (Public)	39	44	*	18	21	*	42	34	*	29	33	*	24	25		45	40	*
Alabama	51	50		25	24		19	17		58	60		16	16		20	21	
Alaska	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Arizona	37	‡		10	‡		47	‡		28	‡		22	‡		41	‡	
Arkansas	62	58		21	26		12	14		70	69		10	14		20	17	*
California	5	5		8	23	*	86	72	*	1	1		9	17		85	80	
Colorado	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Connecticut	17	35	*	60	50		20	15	*	9	20	*	58	55		33	23	*
Delaware	4	5		54	56		42	39		4	4	*	48	48		48	48	
District of Columbia	‡	#		‡	13		‡	87		‡	#		‡	7		‡	93	
Florida	74	77	*	#	#		26	23	*	67	67		2	2		31	31	
Georgia	55	‡		11	‡		34	‡		43	51		21	13		36	36	
Hawaii	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Idaho	‡	86		‡	7		‡	5		‡	76		‡	20		‡	4	
Illinois	17	28		39	33		44	39		11	15		49	40		36	40	
Indiana	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Iowa	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		70	‡		11	‡		15	‡	
Kansas	76	83		5	2		19	15	*	41	53	*	35	26		22	22	
Kentucky	17	38	*	37	40		43	23	*	12	20		42	39		45	41	
Louisiana	79	87		10	4		11	10		66	71		18	11		16	16	
Maine	26	31		61	56		12	13		25	26		57	56		16	15	
Maryland	3	6		7	22	*	90	72	*	2	5		9	25	*	86	67	*
Massachusetts	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		3	9		58	54		39	34	
Michigan	46	52		11	11		43	35		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Minnesota	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Mississippi	62	63		11	18		20	17		55	63		15	16		23	21	
Missouri	70	76		14	11		14	13		52	‡		24	‡		22	‡	
Montana	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Nebraska	90	93		2	#		8	7		82	87		6	2		12	11	
Nevada	17	‡		8	‡		75	‡		4	‡		20	‡		76	‡	
New Hampshire	43	‡		35	‡		19	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
New Jersey	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		5	‡		29	‡		66	‡	
New Mexico	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
New York	14	‡		43	‡		43	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
North Carolina	13	21		53	50		33	27	*	2	7		53	60		44	33	*
North Dakota	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Ohio	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		46	‡		28	‡		26	‡	
Oklahoma	69	79		21	11		10	9		57	54		21	21		14	16	
Oregon	9	10		22	35	*	69	55	*	2	5		26	36	*	71	59	*
Pennsylvania	38	‡		21	‡		40	‡		14	‡		40	‡		46	‡	
Puerto Rico	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Rhode Island	55	55		15	17		27	22		17	27	*	44	34	*	37	32	*
South Carolina	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
South Dakota	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Tennessee	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Texas	65	67		3	7		31	27	*	50	54		15	10		33	30	
Utah	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Vermont	46	47		43	41		11	9		17	17		69	70		14	14	
Virginia	7	7		24	52	*	69	41	*	2	8		24	40	*	74	53	*
Washington	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
West Virginia	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Wisconsin	60	63		5	7		32	31		29	47	*	29	30		37	23	*
Wyoming	94	90		1	2		4	4		81	88	*	8	5	*	6	7	

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# Rounds to zero.

- Declined to participate.

‡ Insufficient data or standards not met.

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NAEP monthly school survey participation rates for public schools nationally,  
by question: March, 2021

Survey Questions	Grade 4	Grade 8
Q1. To what degree did schools offer remote only, hybrid, or full-time in-person instruction at the time of data collection in March?	78	76
Q2. What was the proportion of students overall and by various student groups enrolled in each instructional mode in March? (by race/ethnicity)	73	73
Q3. What was the proportion of students overall and by various student groups enrolled in each instructional mode in March? (by special population)	73	72
Q4. What type of hybrid model was offered in March?	74	72
Q5. On average, how many days were students offered in-person instruction under the hybrid instructional mode in March?	74	73
Q6. How many hours of synchronous (i.e., live) instruction did students receive on average daily under the remote learning mode in March?	73	72
Q7. Which student groups received priority for in-person instruction in March?	73	72
Q8. What was the attendance rate for each subpopulation enrolled in each mode of instruction for grade [4 or 8 as appropriate] students in March? (by race/ethnicity)	69	66
Q9. What was the attendance rate for each subpopulation enrolled in each mode of instruction for grade [4 or 8 as appropriate] students in March? (by special population)	68	65
Q10. As of March 27, approximately what percentage of teachers in your school had received at least one shot of a COVID-19 vaccine?	74	72