PUBLIC OPINION

Minnesotans express strong confidence in public schools.

A statewide survey found positive views of Minnesota education and confidence in how schools manage resources, involve communities and serve children.

Minnesota education is rated positively

78% EXCELLENT OR GOOD

11% excellent • 67% good
19% only fair • 2% poor • 1% unsure

Education improved or held steady

83% IMPROVED OR STAYED THE SAME

2026: 27% improved • 56% stayed the same
15% declined • 1% unsure | 2025: 22% improved, 54% stayed the same

Respondents reported varied political affiliations

44%	39%	15%
Democrat	Republican	Independent

Other: 2% • Reported identification; total is 100%.

Schools budget effectively and efficiently

Share agreeing

2025	62%
2026	71%

+9 percentage points

Disagree: 29% to 22% | Unsure: 9% to 7%

Schools involve the community

Share agreeing

2025	71%
2026	78%

+7 percentage points

Disagree: 28% to 20% | Unsure: 2% to 3%

Schools can be trusted to do right by children

Share agreeing

2025	73%
2026	80%

+7 percentage points

Disagree: 22% to 15% | Unsure: 4% to 5%

What this shows: Minnesotans reported positive views of public education across quality, stewardship, community involvement and trust.

Survey methodology: The study contains the results of 800 randomly selected adult residents in the State of Minnesota. The results of the sample are projectable to all Minnesota residents within ±3.5% in 95 out of 100 cases. Professional interviewers conducted the survey by telephone between September 13 and 27, 2025.

Source: Morris Leatherman Company, 2026 February Statewide Survey, slides 5 and 14-19. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.