

Student Testing

Voter Poll

Baselice & Associates, Inc. polled 1,001 registered Texas voters on November 7-13, 2025. The results have a margin of error of $\pm 3.1\%$ at the 95% confidence level.

Distribution of interviews conducted:



Text-to-web
19%



Web Panelists
81%

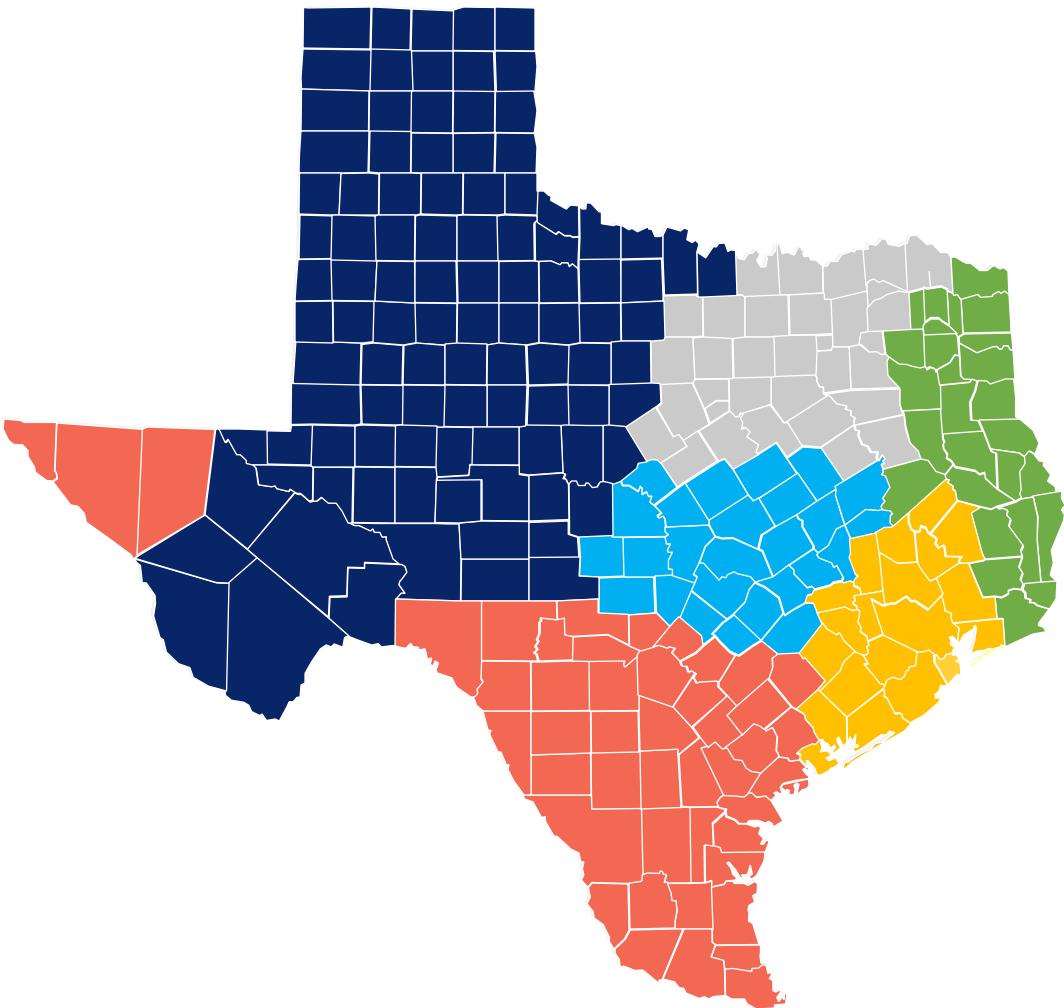
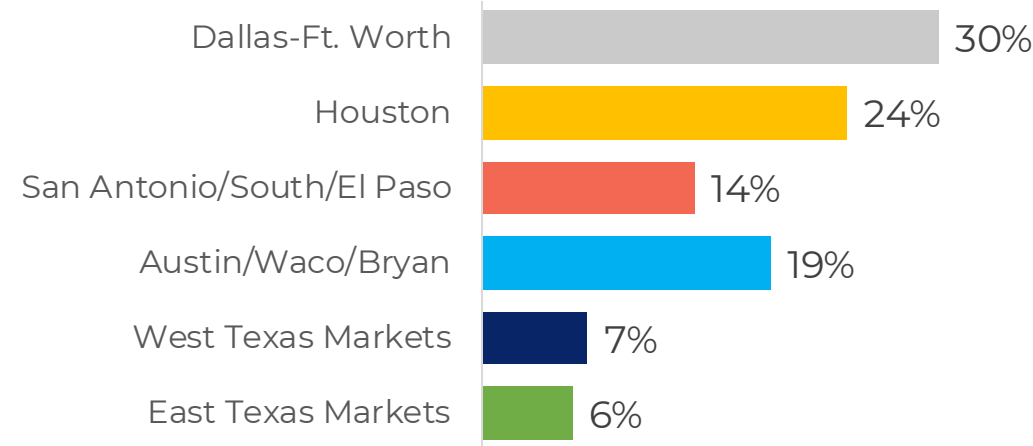
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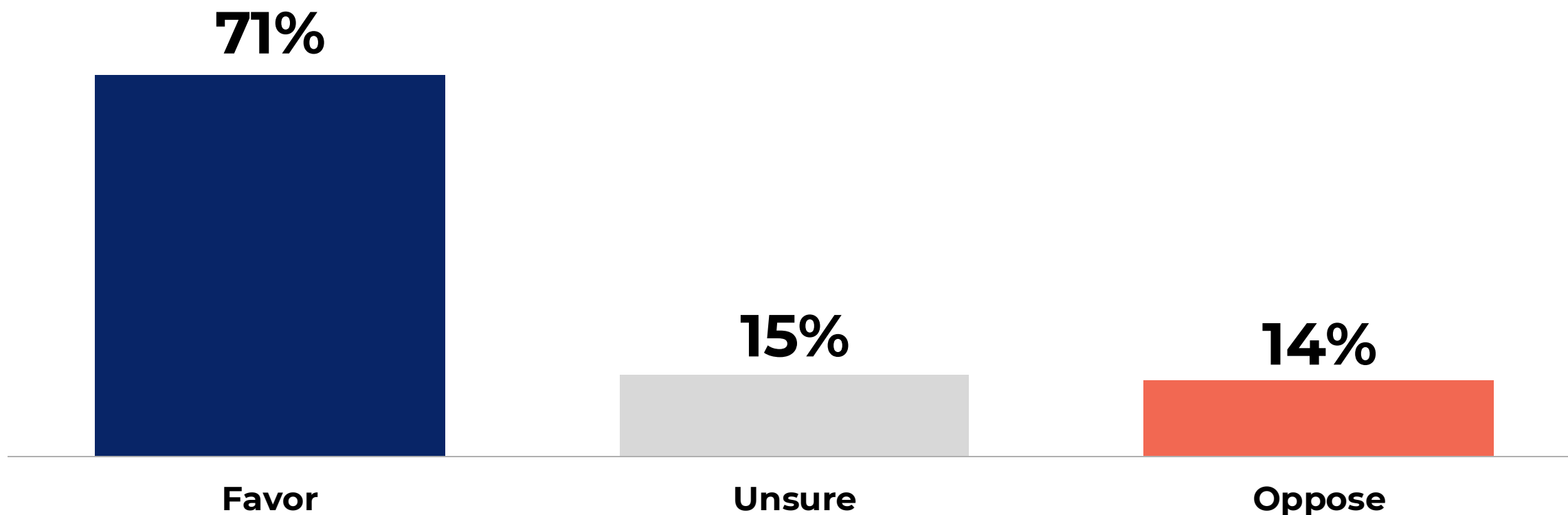


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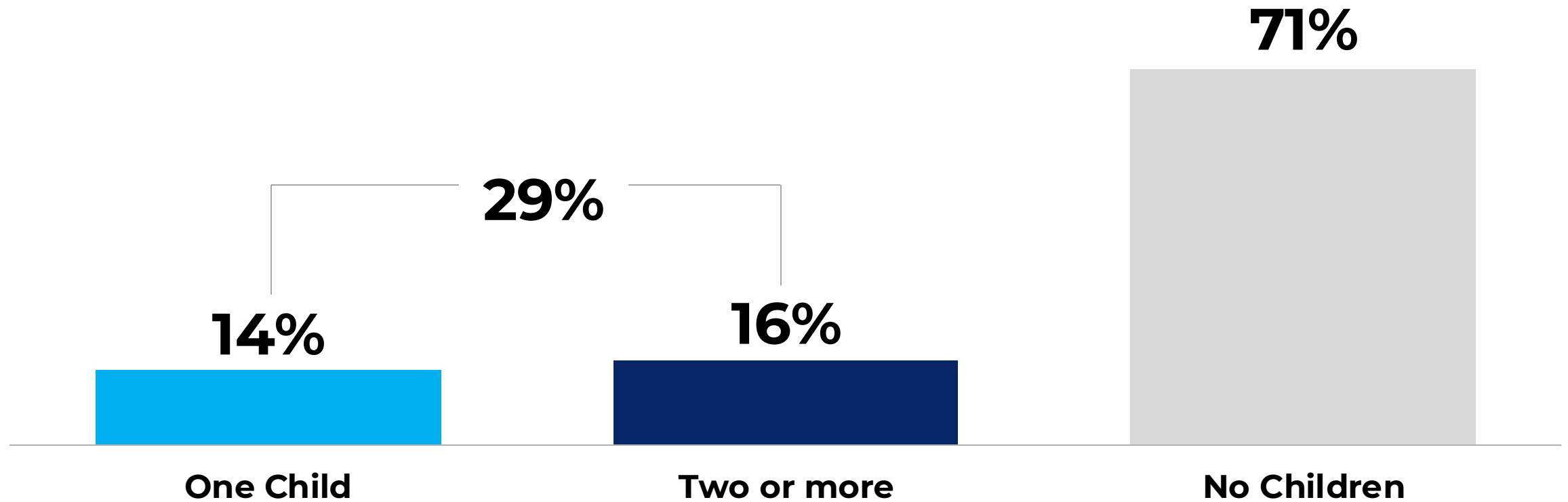
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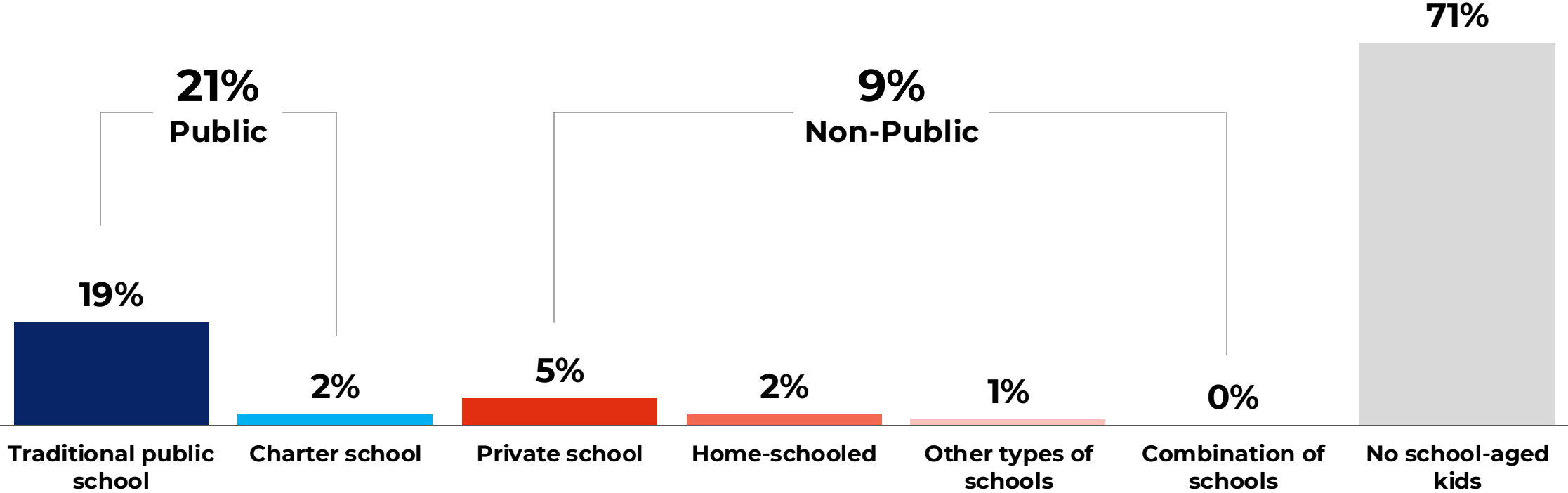
Do you favor or oppose the state annually testing students in reading and math?



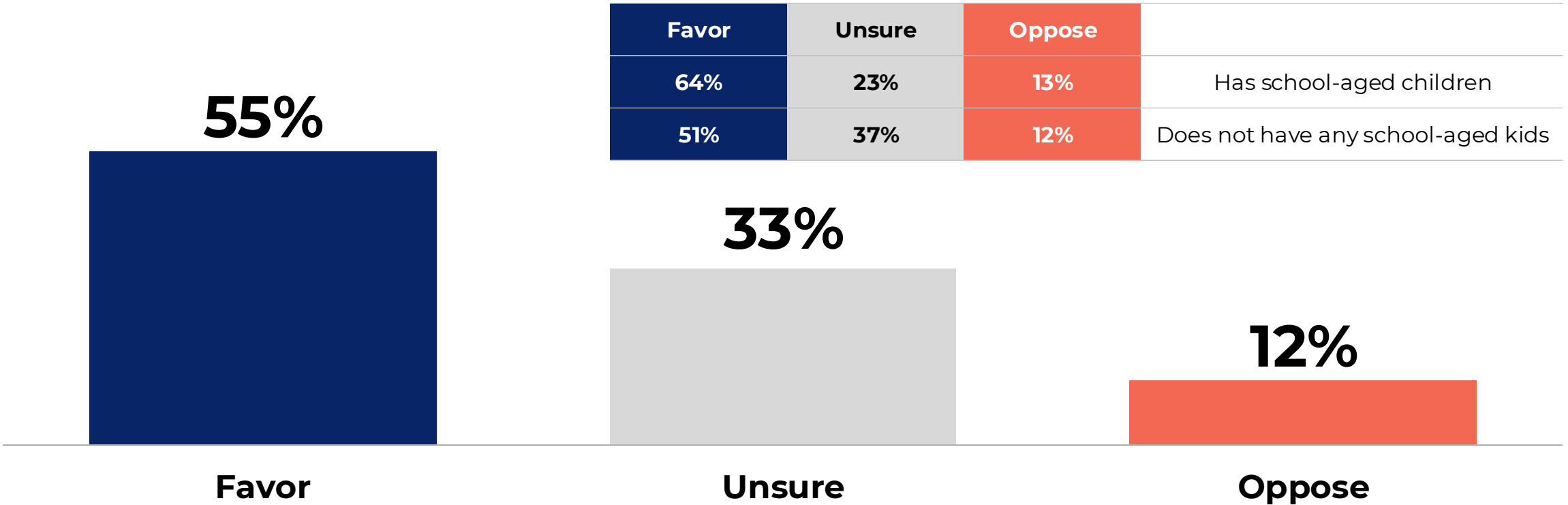
How many children do you have between the ages of 4 and 18?



(Is your child / Are your children) currently enrolled in a:

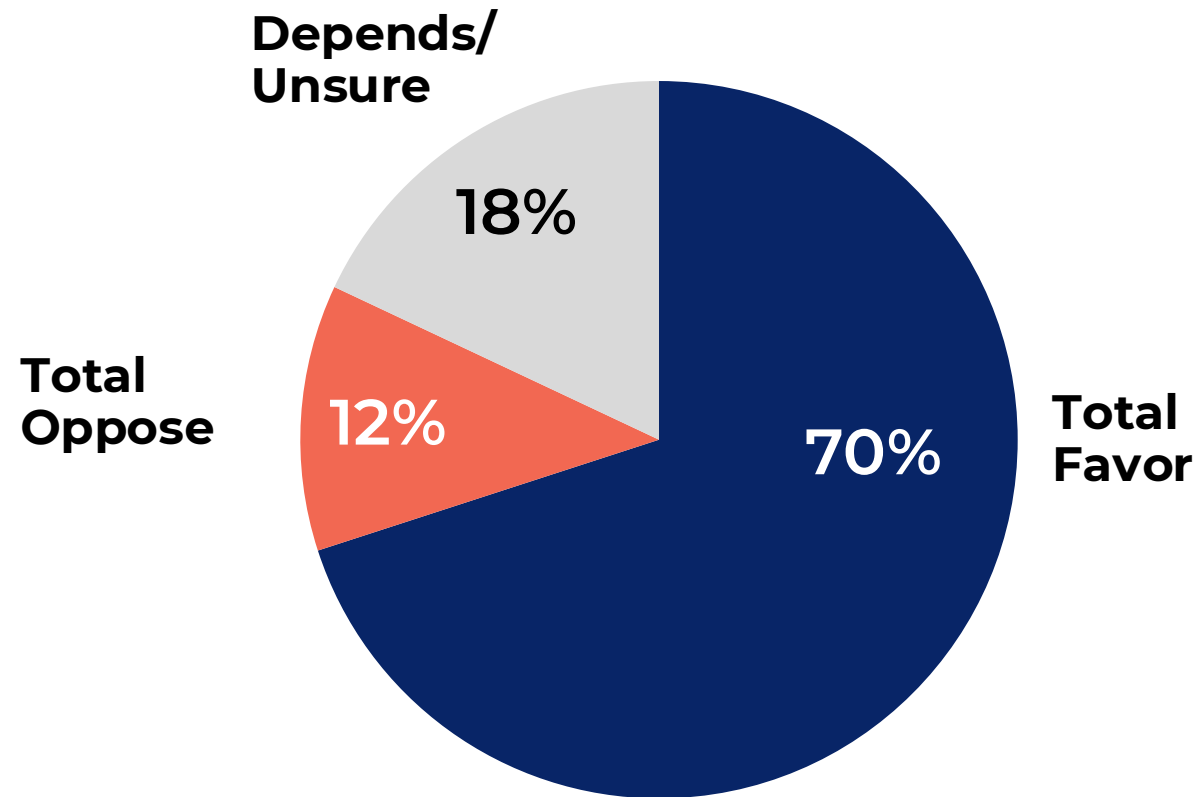


The state Legislature made changes to the annual testing of students. Do you favor or oppose the recent overhaul and replacement of the STAAR test with three shorter tests spread throughout the year?

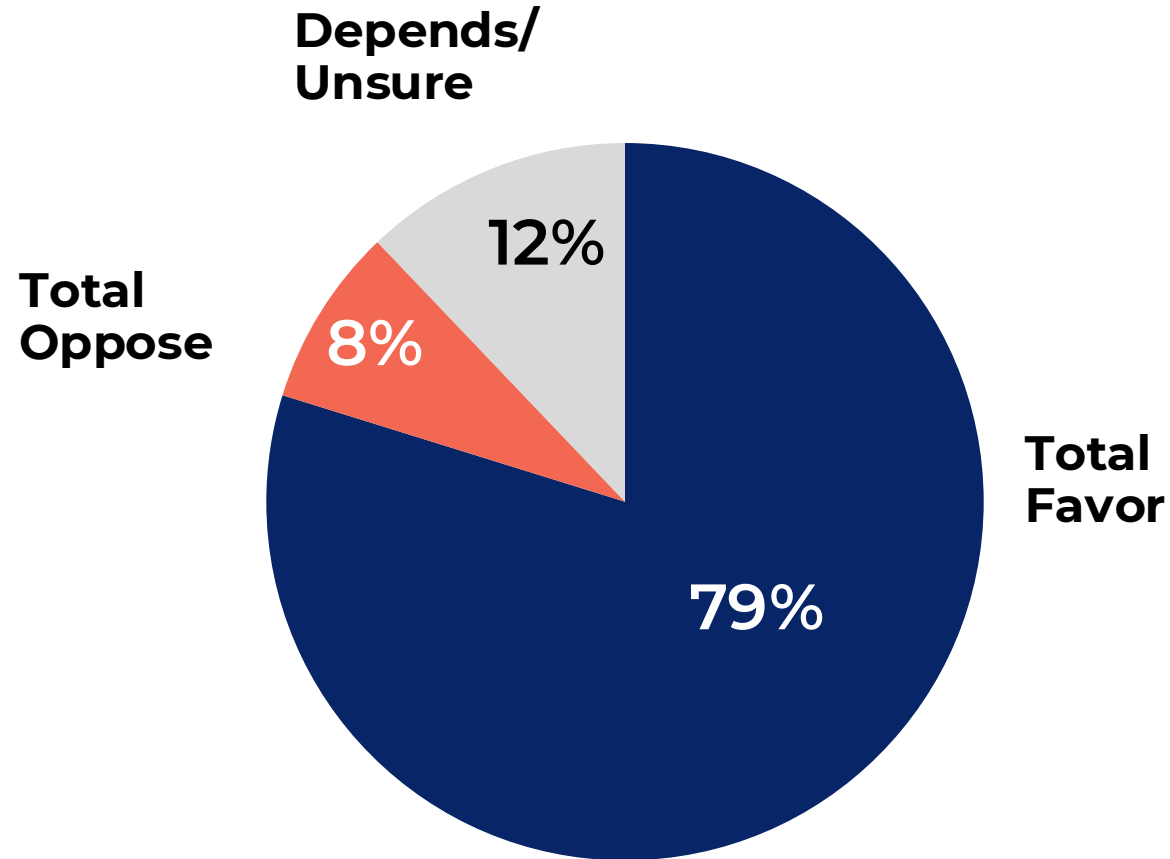


Please indicate if each of the following makes you favor or oppose the revisions the state Legislature is putting into place regarding student testing in Texas.

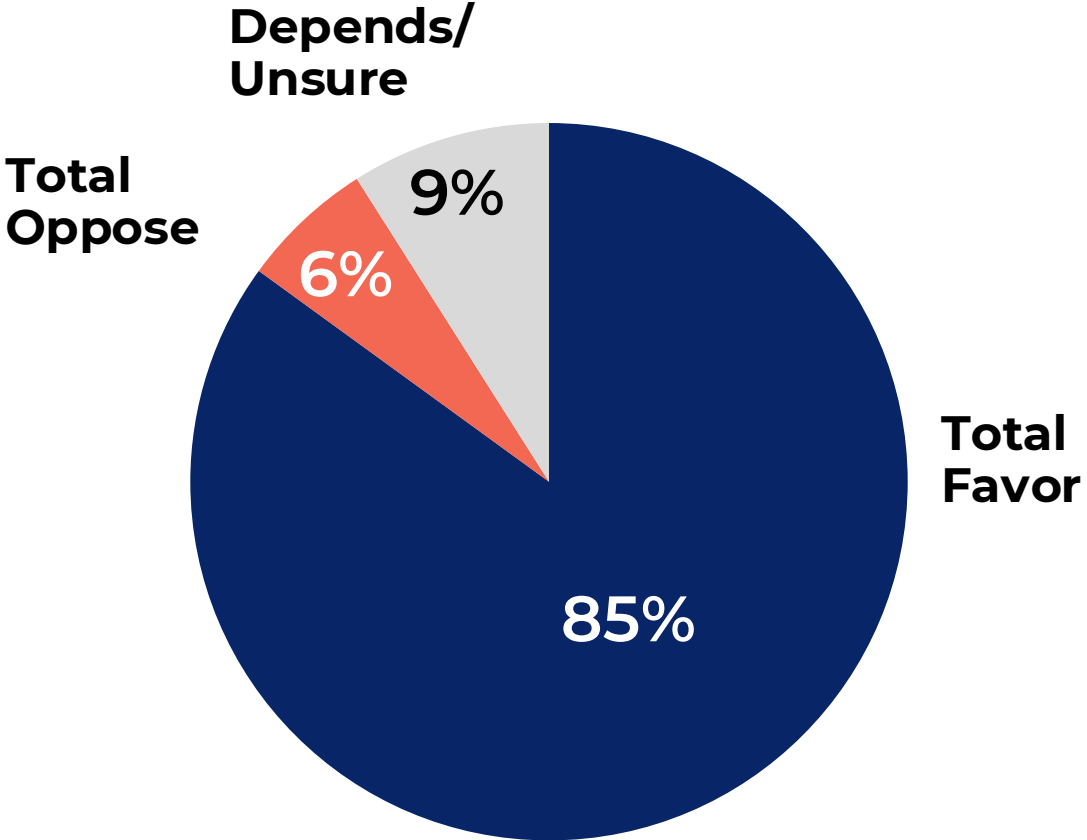
The new approach replaces the STAAR test with three shorter tests given at the beginning, middle, and end of the year.



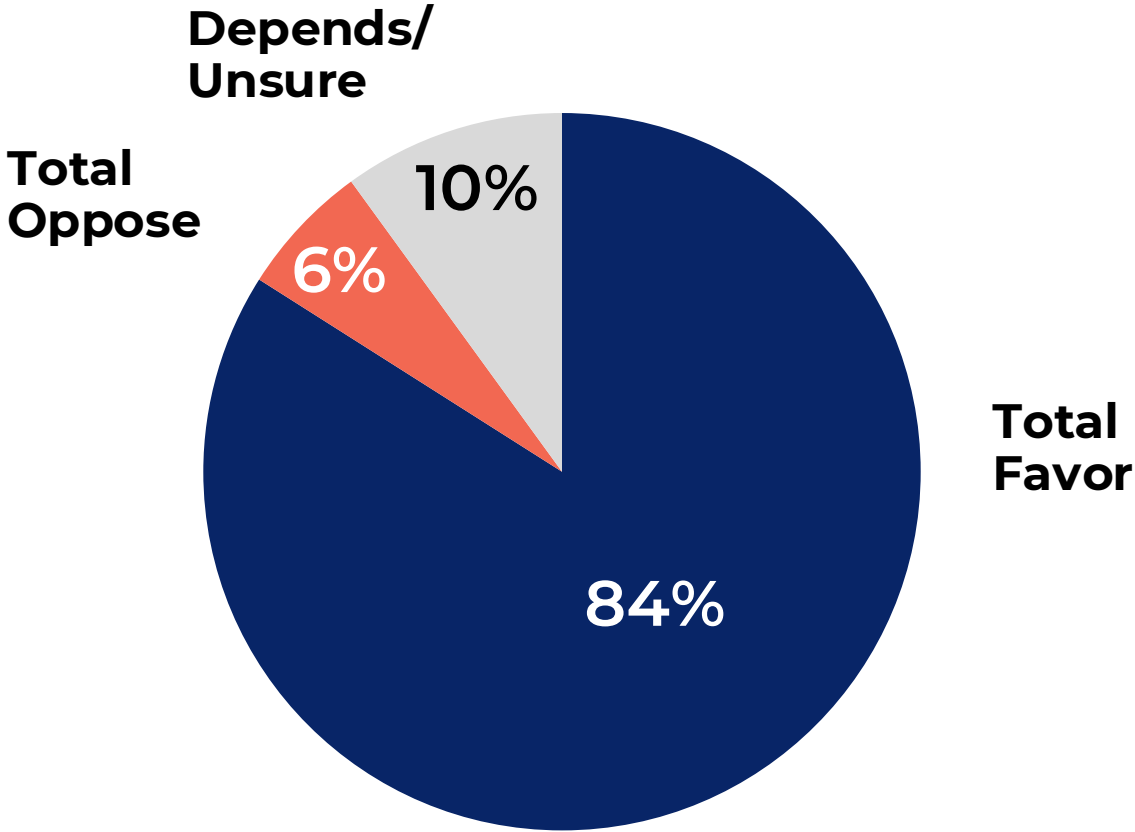
The new approach eliminates excessive practice tests, giving back as much as 30 hours of instructional time per student.



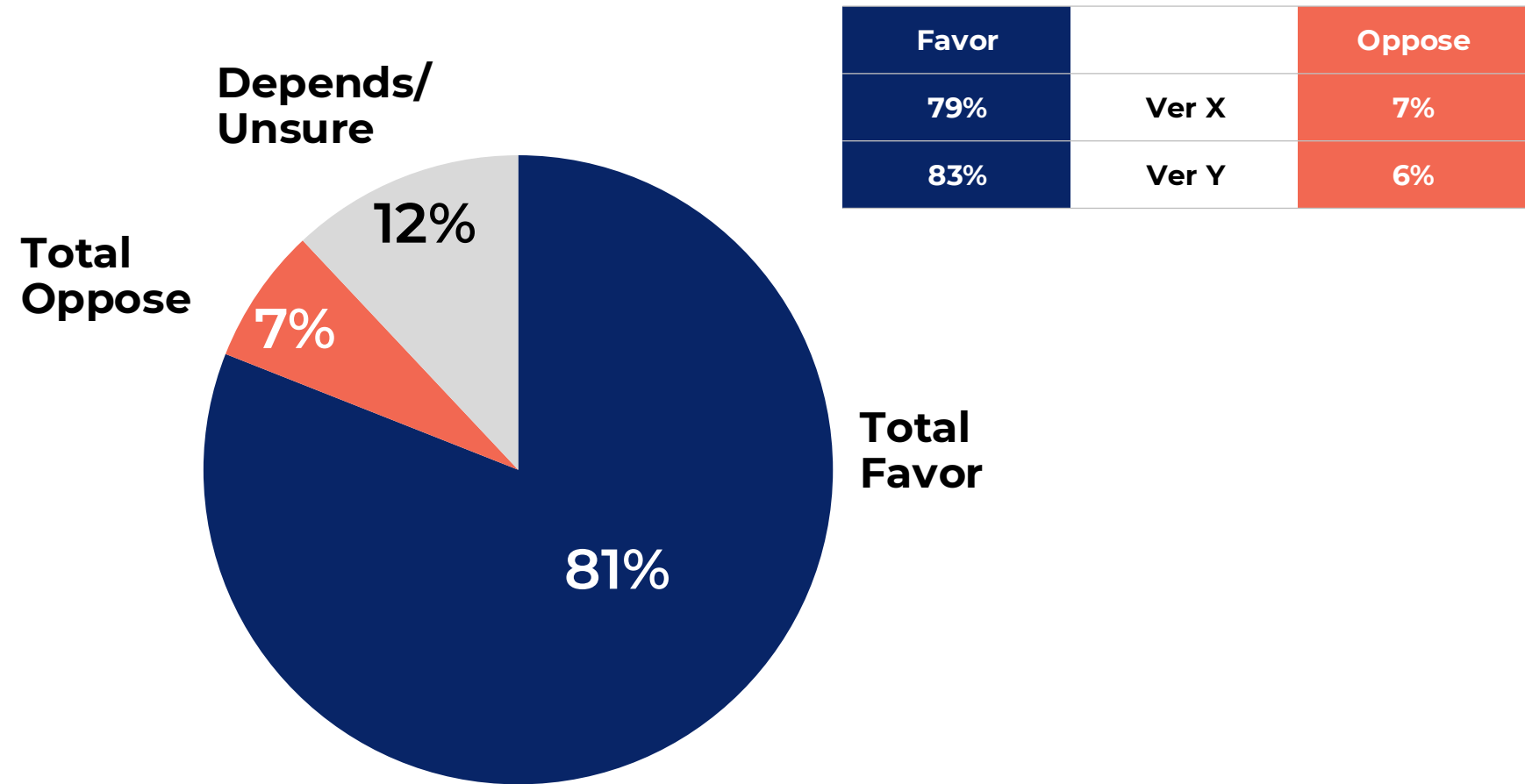
The new approach requires three tests in reading and math each year, with the results available within 48 hours, so parents and teachers can quickly give students the help they need to improve and succeed.



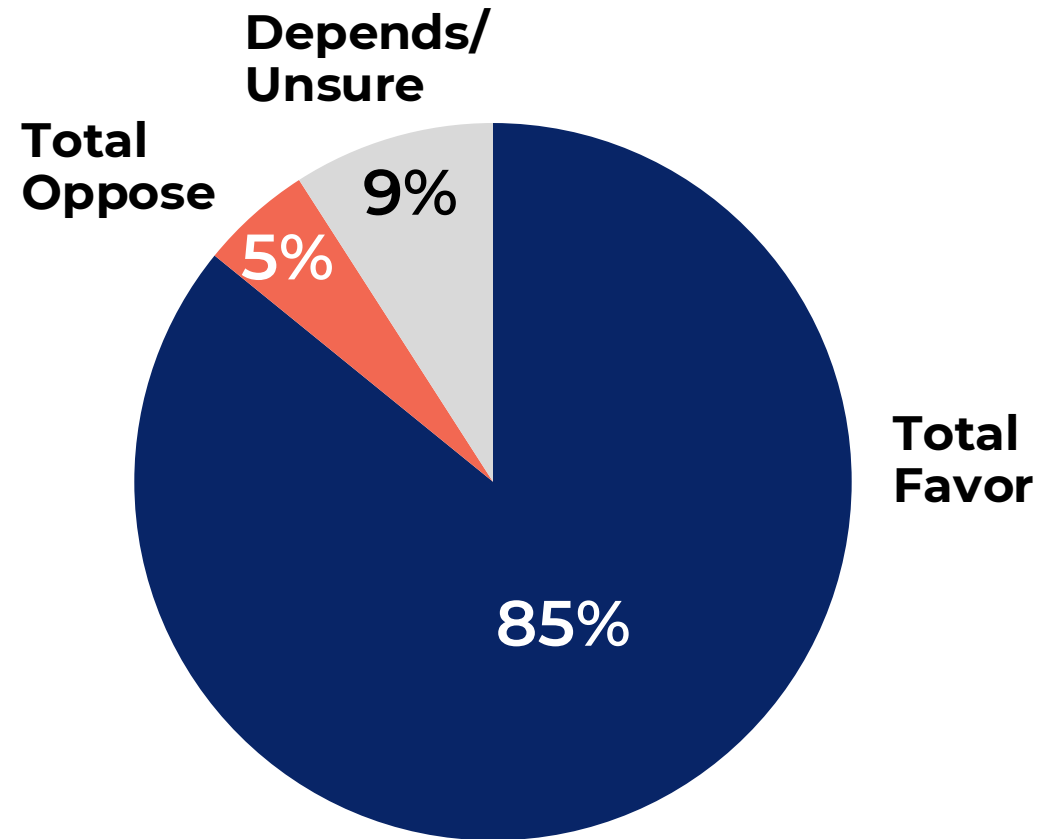
This new approach ensures that students receive more support, not consequences, for their performance on the exam.



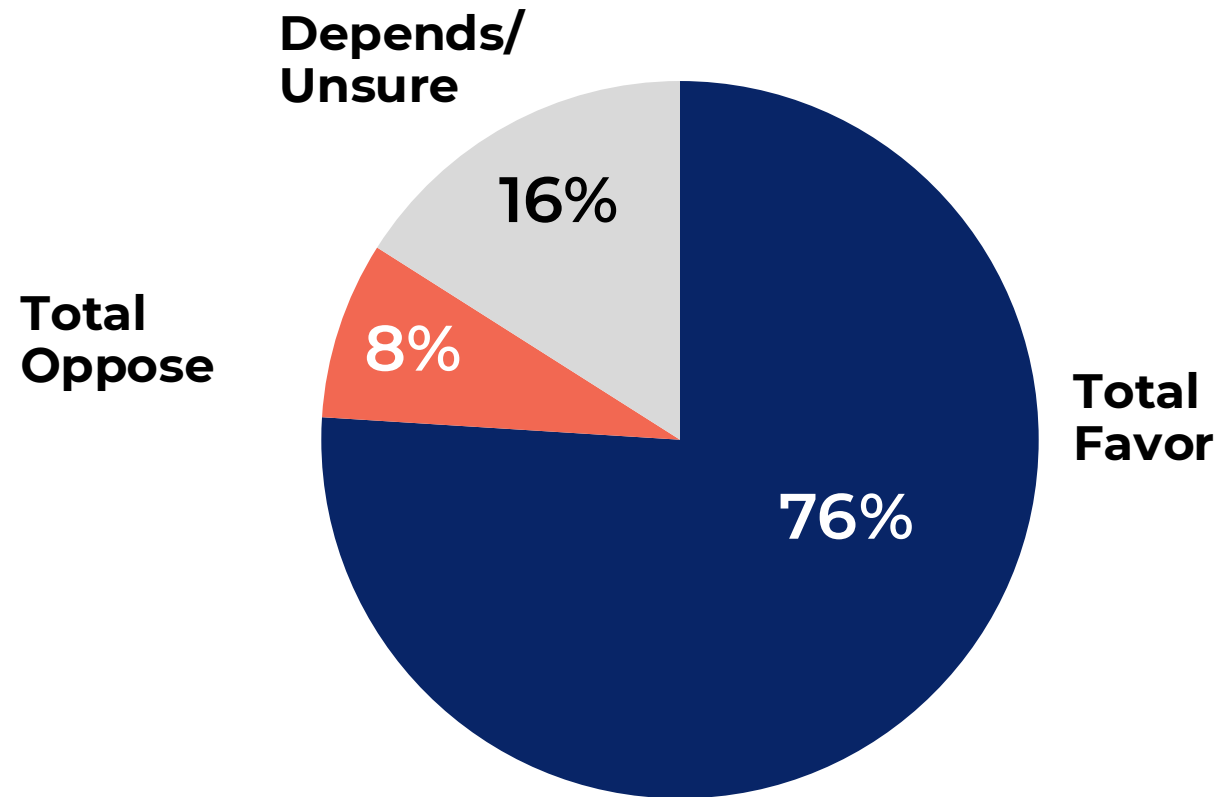
Instead of measuring student performance on a curve, the new test approach provides insight into students' (Ver X: mastery / Ver Y: proficiency) of specific skills.



The new tests guarantee parents have full access to their child's test scores and responses to each question.

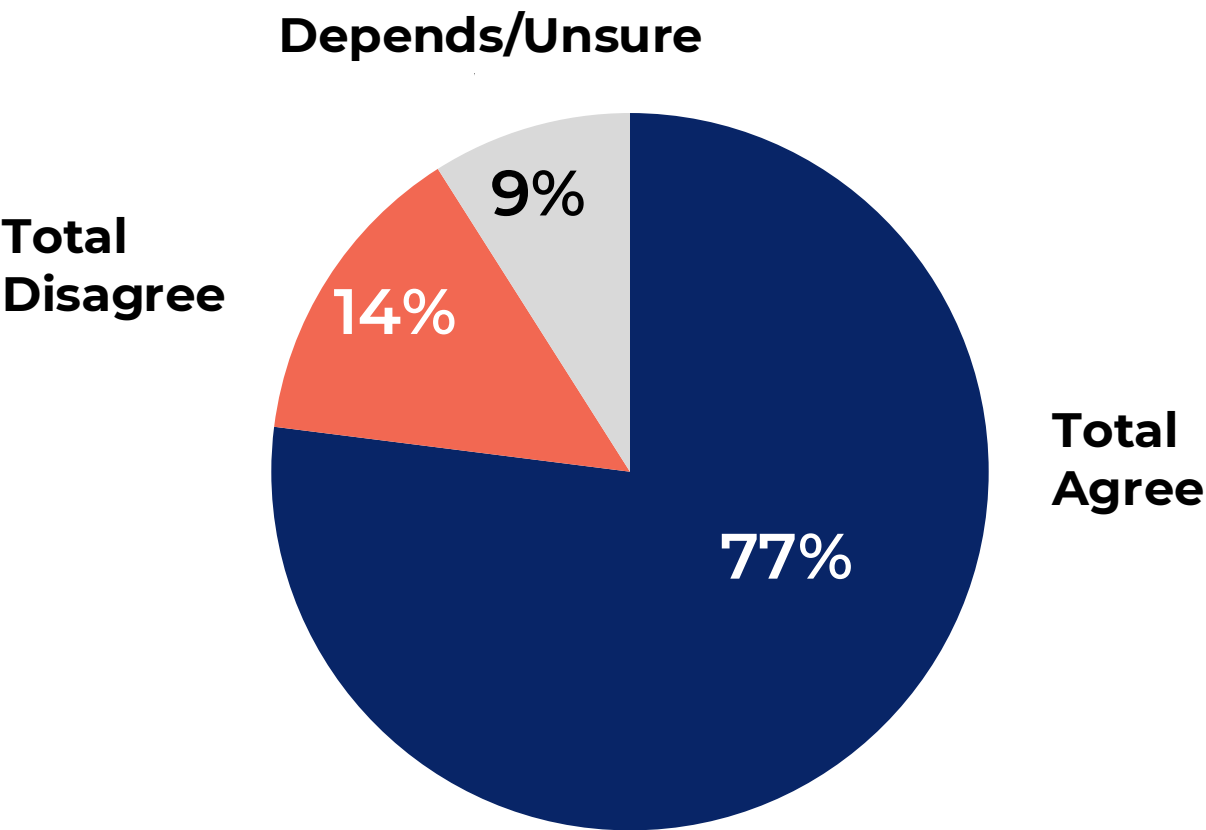


This new approach will have up to 40 experienced Texas teachers in charge of reviewing and approving the test questions, all based on state standards.

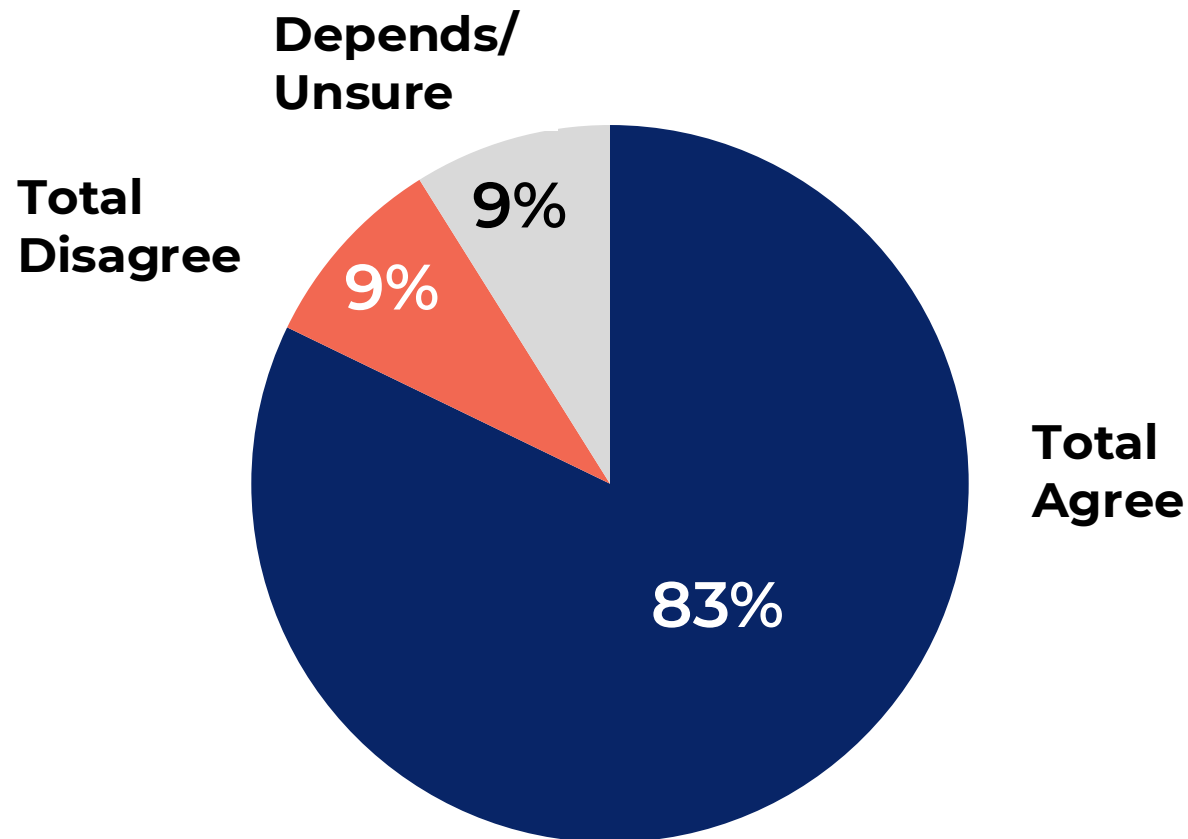


**Please indicate if you agree or disagree
with each of the following statements.**

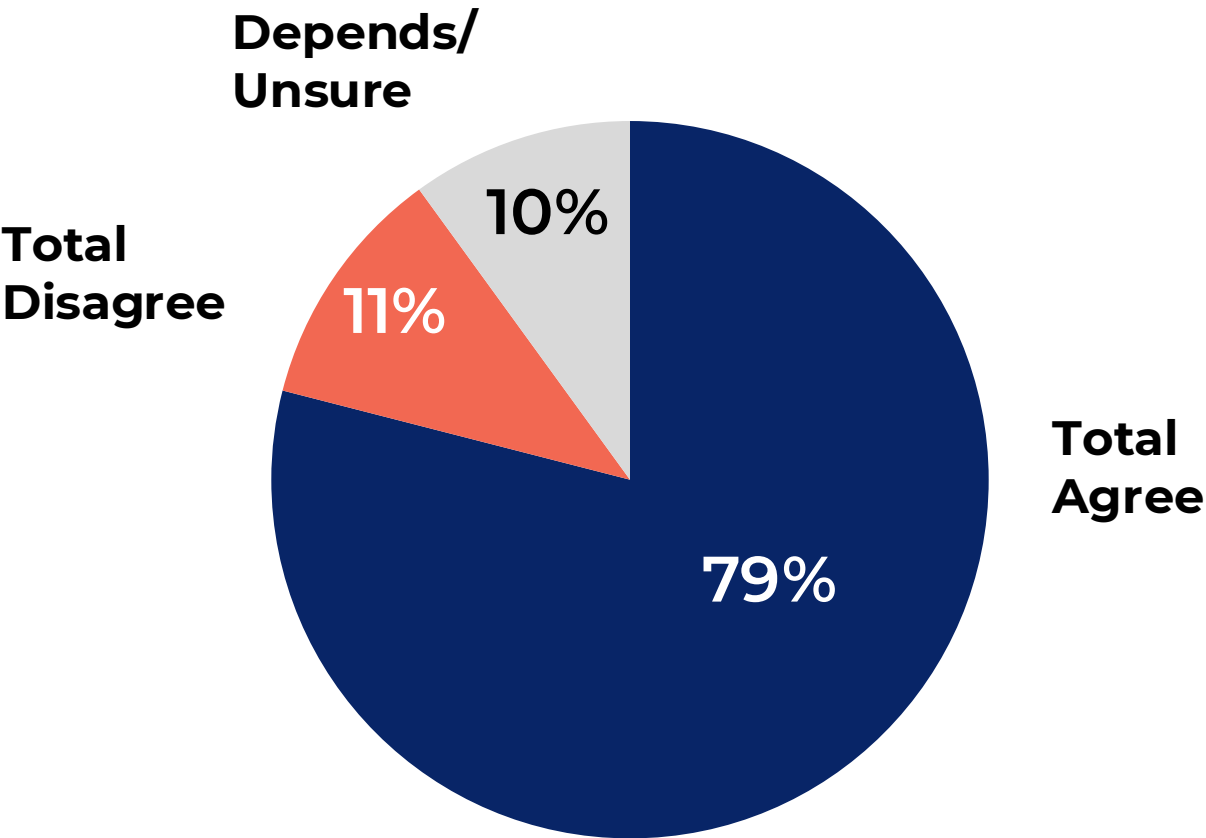
If students can't read or do basic math, nothing else matters. We need to get back to basics, and that starts with every student taking high-quality tests. It's how we find out if schools are doing their job.



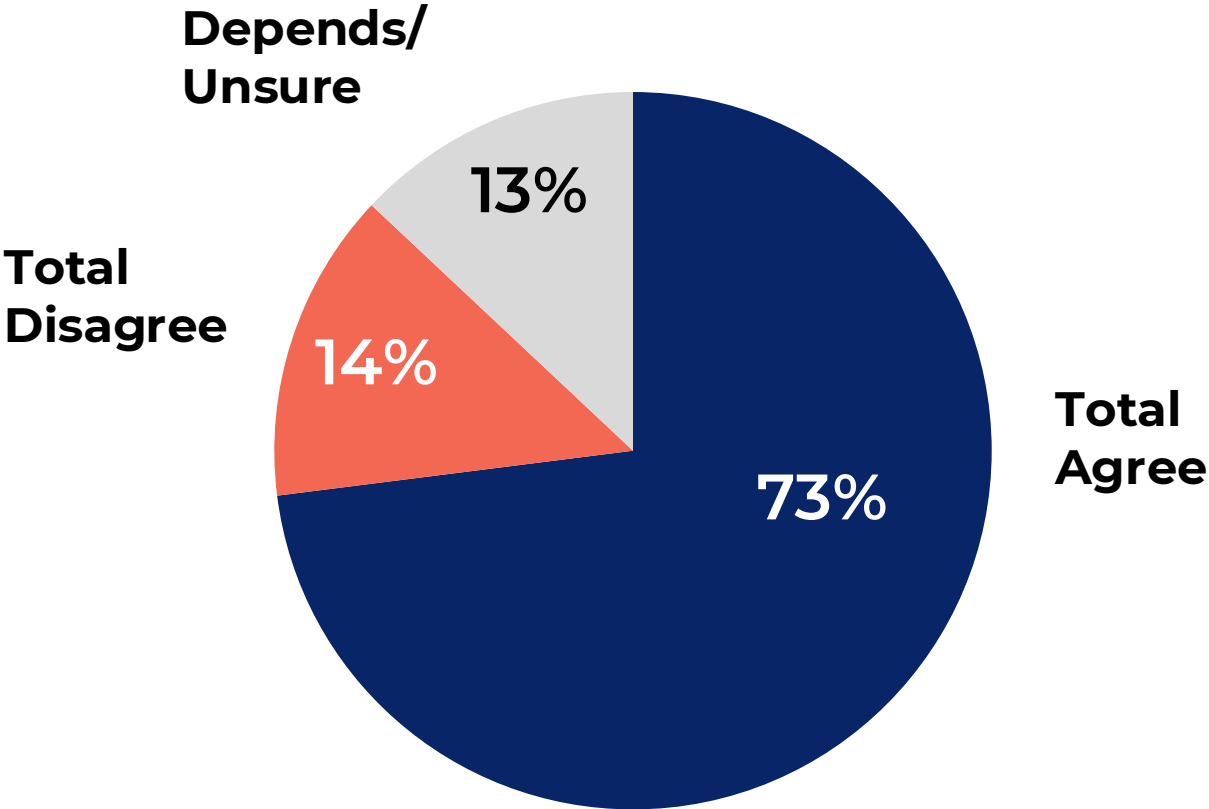
Tests are part of life. From earning a driver's license to becoming a doctor or pilot, tests show whether someone has the knowledge and skills to succeed. Education is no different. Tests help us know if students are learning what they need to succeed.



Ending testing might sound like it helps students, but without real measures of progress, we lose sight of whether kids are truly learning. Families and communities deserve honest information and accountability to ensure every child succeeds.

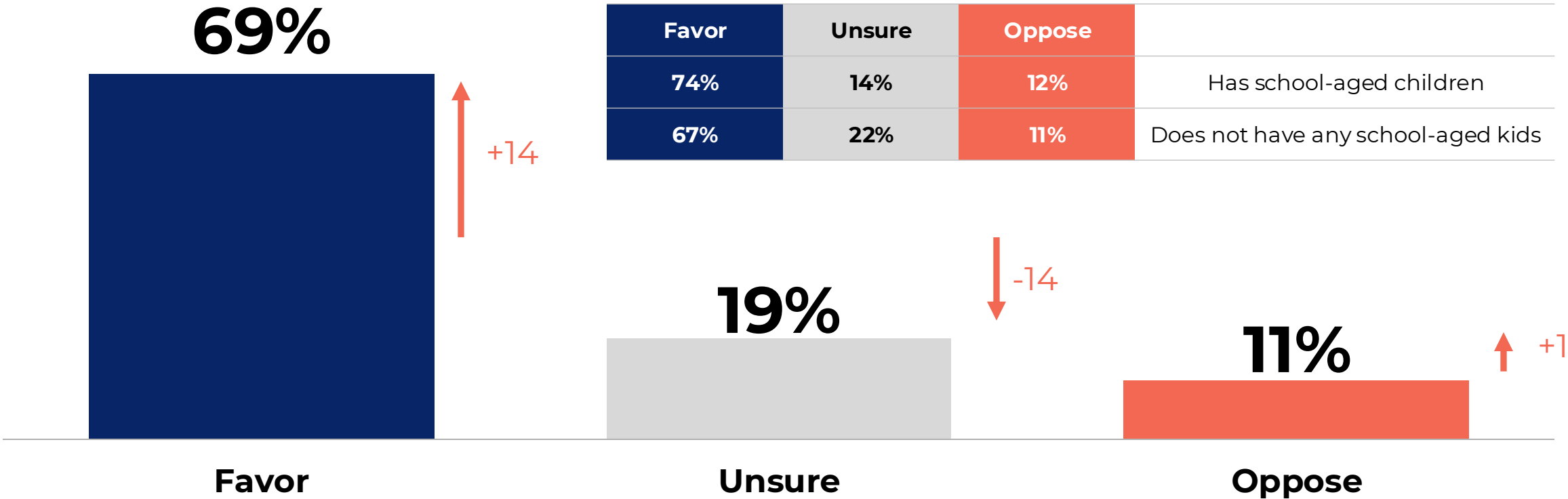


Texas is competing against countries worldwide to attract businesses to our state. These other countries often take more and harder tests than Texas students take, giving other countries an economic advantage. Texas needs a rigorous high school experience to match what other students across the world are doing.

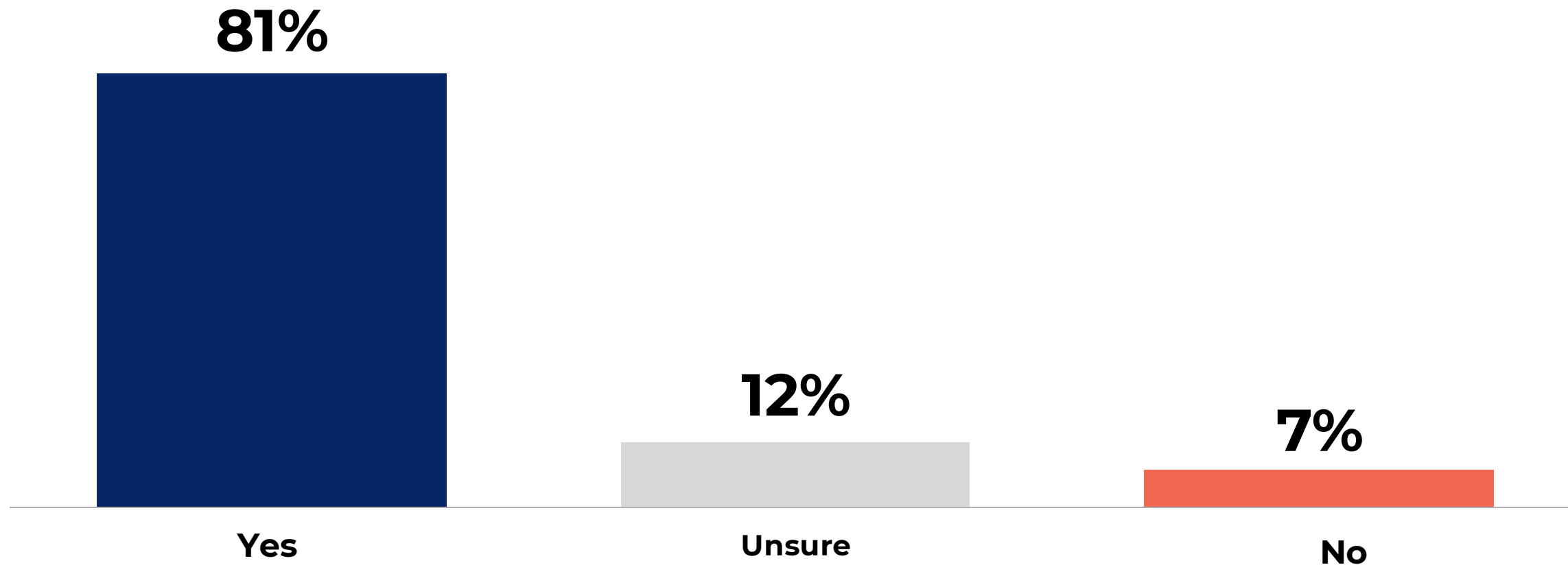


After hearing the previous statements, we restated the initial question to see if voters changed their views about the legislation.

Informed Position: Having learned more about it, do you favor or oppose the recent overhaul and replacement of the STAAR test with three shorter tests spread throughout the year?



Do taxpayers have the right to know how the schools in their community are performing relative to others in the state, using apples-to-apples comparisons on annual tests in core subjects such as reading and math?



Which one of the following comes closer to your viewpoint regarding the recent changes to the STAAR test?

Some people say the three new progress tests given throughout the year are designed to give parents and teachers faster feedback so students can get the help they need to succeed.



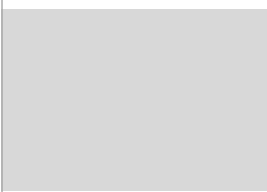
66%

Others say it will be the same old test, just given three times under a new name.



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Unsure



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Which one of the following comes closer to your viewpoint?

Well-designed tests that replace unnecessary ones and give teachers faster feedback are worth the time.

78%

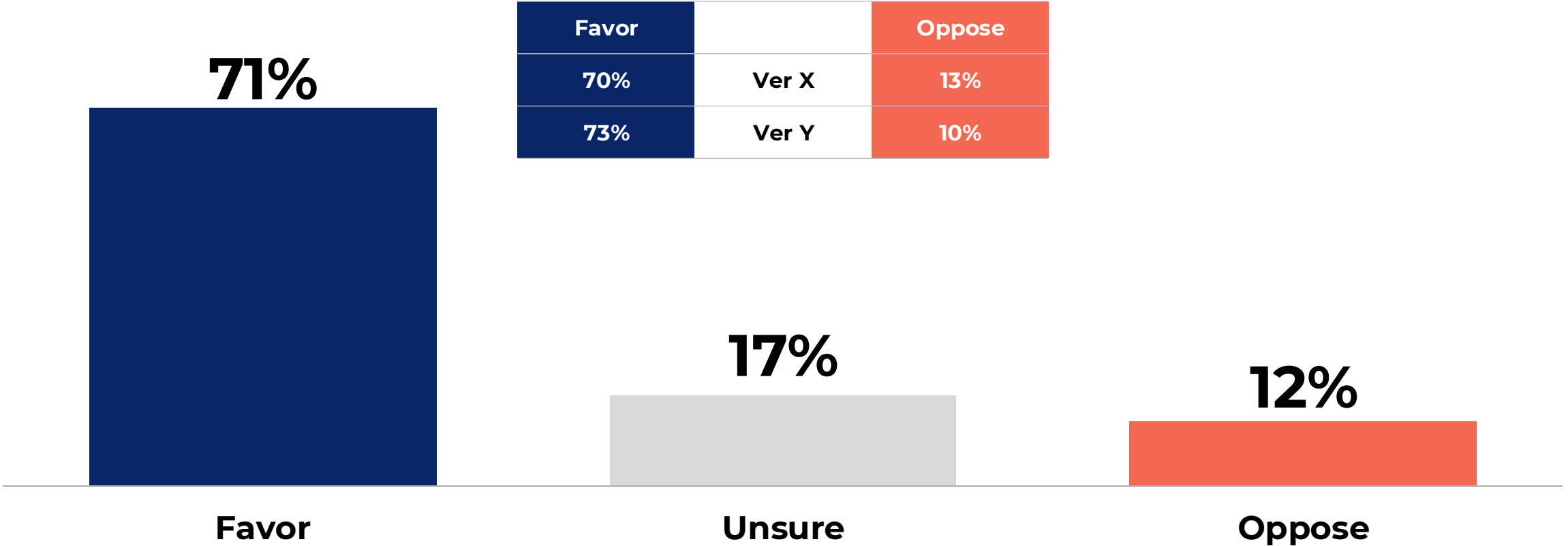
Students already take too many tests, and fewer tests are always better.

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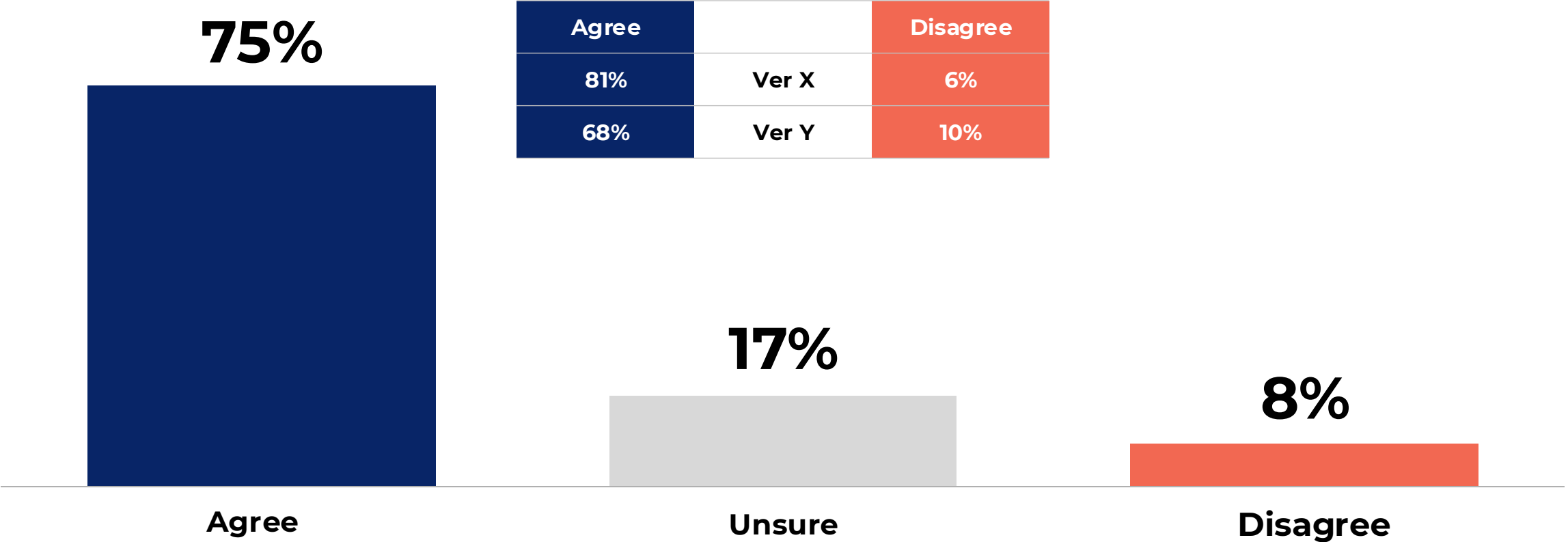
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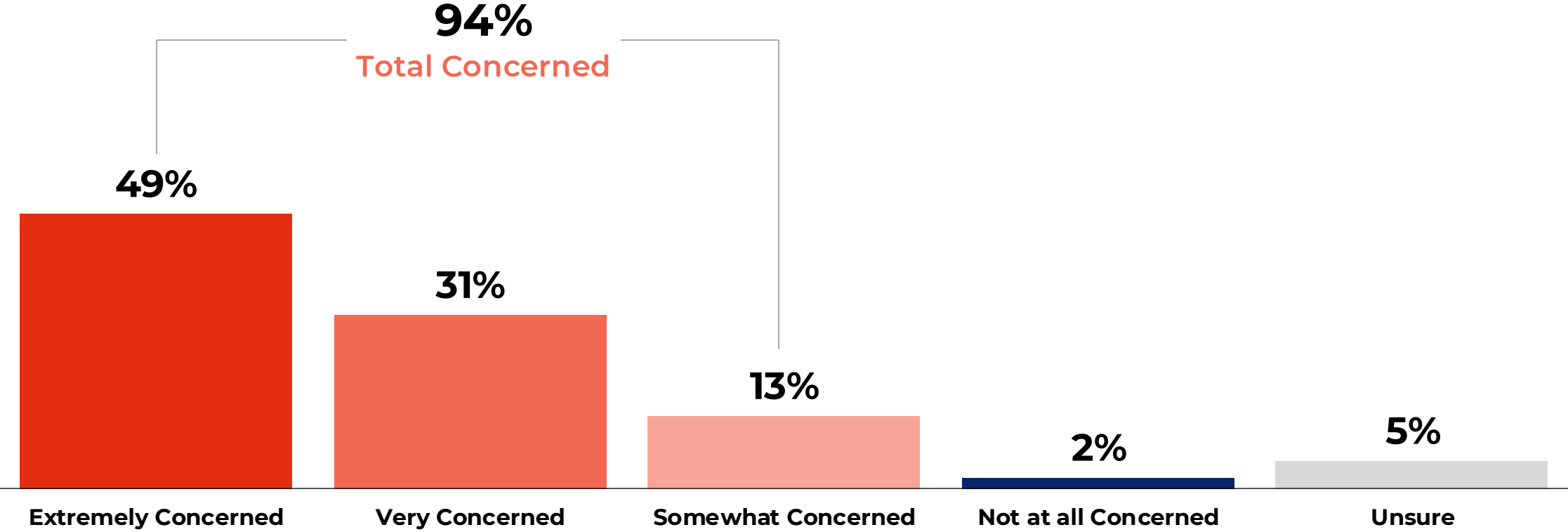
To help parents understand how their school is performing, Texas assigns districts and campuses a letter grade of A through F. Do you support or oppose Texas assigning these ratings (Ver Y: based on how students are doing in core academic subjects)?



No child should have to attend a school that fails academically for five years in a row. Do you agree or disagree that the Texas Education Agency should continue to (Ver X: intervene / Ver Y: takeover) when a school receives an “F” rating for five consecutive years?



Which best describes how concerned you would be to learn that only half of Texas students are performing on grade level?



Thank You!

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