

## League of Women Voters of Oklahoma Restudy of Our Position on Education Consensus questions

1. Which of the current LWVOK and LWVUS positions on education outlined in the introduction does the LWVOK wish to emphasize?

- A. All
- B. None
- C. Only these: D. Explain

Comments:

2. Which of the following statements should the LWVOK include in its position on common school finance?

- \_\_\_\_ The legislature has the responsibility for ensuring that a long-term plan exists to provide adequate funding for the operation of schools into the future.
- \_\_\_\_ The League supports a restoration of the gross production tax to 7% on all wells with a substantial amount of that money devoted to education.
- \_\_\_\_ A “shared-pool” of funds from ad valorem rich districts should be established to equalize funding for districts with less ad valorem revenue.
- \_\_\_\_ Charter schools should be allowed to have access to the same local funding sources as all public schools in their district.

- \_\_\_\_ Eligibility requirements for vouchers should be expanded so more students can use them.
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Comments:

3. Which of the following statements should the LWVOK include in its position on vouchers?

- \_\_\_\_ Vouchers should only be used when they can be shown to improve the education of students.
- \_\_\_\_ Schools that accept voucher students should be held to the same standards of academic and financial accountability as the public schools.
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Comments:

4. Which of the following statements should the LWVOK include in its position on charter schools?

- \_\_\_\_ More research comparing academic outcomes of charter schools to traditional schools is needed.
- \_\_\_\_ With limited funding and resources in rural traditional schools, the State Department of Education should be especially

cautious when authorizing charters in rural areas.

- \_\_\_\_ Charter school sponsors, entities, and contracted vendors should be financially accountable to the public.
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Comments:

5. Charter school options for parents could be improved by:

- \_\_\_\_ requiring transparent financial reports from charter schools entity organizations that include personnel salaries at all levels and operating costs for the national (if applicable), state and local organizations.
- \_\_\_\_ requiring that only highly-qualified teachers who are certified in their teaching assignment be hired just as in the public schools
- \_\_\_\_ allowing collective bargaining for teachers and staff
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Comments:

6. Voucher program options for parents could be improved by:

- \_\_\_\_ being required to meet the same academic standards for accountability required of public schools

- \_\_\_\_ requiring transparent financial reports from schools that accept vouchers
- \_\_\_\_ requiring that only highly-qualified teachers who are certified in their teaching assignment be hired just as in the public schools
- \_\_\_\_ allowing collective bargaining for teachers and staff
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Comments:

7. Which of the following statements should the LWVOK include in its position on virtual schools?

- \_\_\_\_ Students should be screened before admission to a virtual program to ensure that their motives and educational plans are appropriate for successful outcomes.
- \_\_\_\_ Virtual schools make sense for a generation that is accustomed to spending hours each day in front of a screen.
- \_\_\_\_ Virtual schools should have limits on their use of public spaces, like libraries, in order to fulfill their mission.
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Comments:

8. Which of the following statements should the LWVOK include in its position on virtual and blended coursework?

A. B. C. D.

\_\_\_ Virtual courses should be used sparingly to compensate for deficiencies in the curricular offerings of traditional schools.

\_\_\_ More research is needed to determine whether specific models of blended courses

(e.g. flipped courses) are an improvement over traditional courses.

\_\_\_ Virtual courses can allow students in smaller districts access to advanced and AP courses that their schools can't offer.

\_\_\_ Other Comments:

9. Which of the following statements should the LWVOK include in its position on post-secondary education?

- \_\_\_ There should be more interaction between secondary and post-secondary instructors, particularly in areas such as math, to prevent students from having to take remedial courses in college.
- \_\_\_ More students should be made aware of their options to take AP courses and college courses while still in high school so they enter college with some completed coursework.
- \_\_\_ The legislature must fund post-secondary education in order to train students for the workforce Oklahoma needs.
- \_\_\_ The number of colleges should be reduced.

- \_\_\_\_ Vocational-technical schools should be encouraged to enter into agreements with private business in order to prepare students for specific jobs.
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Comments