

# Compare the candidates



Sen. Barack Obama (D)



National Education Association



Sen. John McCain (R)

## On the issues.

	Sen. Barack Obama (D)	National Education Association	Sen. John McCain (R)
<b>No Child Left Behind (NCLB)</b>	<b>Overhaul</b> —"The fact is, No Child Left Behind has done more to stigmatize and demoralize our students and teachers in struggling schools than it has to marshal the talent and the determination and the resources to turn them around. That's what's wrong with No Child Left Behind, and that's what we must change in a fundamental way." —Manchester, NH, 11/22/07	<b>Overhaul</b> —The law's goals are vitally important. However, Congress must shift away from the law's one-size-fits-all accountability system and its emphasis on punishment, to one that involves significant input from educators and supports educators in improving student learning, rewards success, and provides meaningful assistance to schools most in need of help.	<b>Tweak</b> —"No Child Left Behind—everybody likes to criticize it. It needs to be fixed, but it was a great beginning. It was a great way of gauging performance." —PBS, "The Charlie Rose Show," 11/27/07
<b>Pay Teachers Based on Student Test Scores; Pay Teachers Based on Other Factors</b>	Opposes traditional pay for test scores, but supports some forms of enhanced compensation	Opposes pay for test scores, but supports some forms of enhanced compensation	Supports pay for test scores
<b>Private School Vouchers</b>	Opposes	Opposes	Supports
<b>Charter Schools</b>	Supports	Supports public charter schools with certain quality assurance provisions	Supports
<b>Change NCLB's Use of a Single Standardized Test to Measure Student Success</b>	Supports	Supports	Unknown*
<b>Improve Quality of Tests</b>	Supports	Supports	Supports testing changes for students with disabilities and English language learners
<b>Reduce Class Size</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes
<b>Expand Early Childhood Education</b>	Supports	Supports	Unknown*
<b>Increase Federal Education Funding</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposed bills to increase funding, but says he supports adequate funding
<b>Pay Teachers a Starting Salary of \$40,000 and Education Support Professionals a Living Wage</b>	Supports	Supports	Unknown*
<b>Increase Student Aid for College (Pell Grants)</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes
<b>Increase Minimum Wage</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes
<b>Sponsor Bill to Repeal GPO/WEP</b>	Yes	Supports bill	No
<b>Expand Healthcare, Create Universal Health Insurance</b>	Supports	Supports	Supports expanding health care, opposes universal insurance
<b>Privatize Social Security</b>	Opposes	Opposes	Partially supports
<b>Protect Education Employee Rights to Organize (EFCA)</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes
<b>Protect Women from Pay Discrimination (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act)</b>	Supports	Supports	Opposes

\*No public information found

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