Parents and guardians are any school’s strongest allies for helping students achieve and thrive to their fullest potential. Robust two-way communication with students’ families cultivates a relationship between the home and the school that puts the families squarely on the school’s team when working with students.

### Communicating with parents

#### Parent Participation Rates

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The percentage of students in the school whose parents responded to the SALT Survey.

#### What Parents Say

- **Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:**
  - This school views parents as important partners.
  - The school and I have different goals for my child.
  - My child is learning as much as he/she can at this school.

### Working with parents

#### What Parents Say

- **Percent who report that the school does well:**
  - Contacts me if my child does something well or improves: This school 60%, The state 40%
  - Contacts me if my child is having a problem: This school 80%, The state 60%
  - Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time: This school 100%, The state 80%
  - Includes parents on school committees such as curriculum, budgets and school improvement: This school 90%, The state 70%
  - Has a parent-teacher conference with me: This school 80%, The state 60%
  - Asks me to volunteer at the school: This school 70%, The state 50%

### Teacher practices and attitudes

#### What Teachers Say

- **Percent who say that weekly or daily:**
  - They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance: This school 0%, The state 20%
  - Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents: This school 80%, The state 60%
  - Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education: This school 90%, The state 70%

- **Percent who say they are satisfied or very satisfied with:**
  - The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program: This school 90%, The state 70%