Communicating and working with parents

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.

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.

% of Parents who say 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 has 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 80%, The state 60%
- Has a parent-teacher conference with me: This school 100%, The state 80%
- Asks me to volunteer at the school: This school 80%, The state 60%

What Teachers Say

Percent who say that weekly or daily:

- They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance: This school 40%, 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 80%, The state 60%

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 20%, The state 10%