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.

### 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.

### What Teachers Say

**Teacher practices and attitudes**

- They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.
- Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.
- Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.
- The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.

### Engaging Families and Community

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