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#### Parent Participation Rates

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

#### What Teachers Say

- **Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.**

- **They use parents as school resources or volunteers.**

#### What Parents Say

- **Contacts me if my child does something well or improves.**

- **Contacts me if my child is having a problem.**

- **Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time.**

- **Has a parent-teacher conference with me.**

- **Asks me to volunteer at the school.**

#### 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.**

- **They use parents as school resources or volunteers.**