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.

### Community support

The percentage of students in the school whose parents responded to the SALT Survey is shown in the graph below.

![Graph showing community participation rates](image)

### Working with parents

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  - R.I. high schools: 60%

  *Too few responses to report?

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  - This school: 70%
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- **Contacts me if my child is having a problem**
  - This school: 60%
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- **Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time**
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- **Has a parent-teacher conference with me**
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- **Asks me to volunteer at the school**
  - This school: 20%
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### Teacher practices and attitudes

- **They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.**
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  - R.I. high schools: 10%

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- **Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.**
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  - R.I. high schools: 60%

- **Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.**
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- **They use parents as school resources or volunteers.**
  - This school: 0%
  - R.I. high schools: 20%

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### What Parents Say

- **That the community supports this school.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. high schools: 60%

- **The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.**
  - This school: 80%
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- **They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.**
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