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.

### What Teachers Say

#### Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

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

### What Parents Say

#### Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

- 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

### What Teachers Say

#### Percent who agree or strongly agree:

- 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.
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**Parent Participation Rates**

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*Too few responses to report?
? Inadequate data submitted

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**Parents**

Percent who say they are satisfied or very satisfied with:

- That the community supports this school.
- The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.

**Students**

Percent who report that:

- They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.