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

- The percentage of students in the school whose parents responded to the SALT Survey for the years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05.

What Teachers Say

- Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree that parents are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.

What Parents Say

- Percent of parents who report that the school does well.

What Teachers Say

- Percent who agree or strongly agree that teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.

What Teachers Say

- Percent who report that they agree or strongly agree that two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.

What Teachers Say

- Percent who report that they at least weekly meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.

What Teachers Say

- Percent who report that they at least monthly use parents as school resources or volunteers.

Engaging Families and Community

- Communicating and working with parents

- Working with parents

- Teacher practices and attitudes

- Community support

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