### 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.

#### Community support

- **This school**
- **R.I. middle schools**

### Parent Participation Rates

![Parent Participation Rates Graph](image)

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

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

- Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.
- They use parents as school resources or volunteers.

### Teacher practices and attitudes

- **This school**
- **R.I. middle schools**

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

- Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:
  - Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.

#### They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.

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

#### Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.

- Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:
  - 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.

- Percent who report that at least monthly:
  - Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.