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

#### Parent Participation Rates

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

### What Parents Say

#### Percent of parents who report that:

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

### What Teachers Say

#### Percent of teachers 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.

### Teacher Practices and Attitudes

#### Percent who report that at least weekly:

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

### Engaging Families and Community

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