Engaging Families and Community

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**

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

**What Teachers Say**

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

1. Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.
2. They use parents as school resources or volunteers.
3. Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.
4. Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.

**What Parents Say**

Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

1. Contacts me if my child does something well or improves.
2. Contacts me if my child is having a problem.
3. Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time.
4. Has a parent-teacher conference with me.
5. Asks me to volunteer at the school.

**What Teachers Say**

Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:

1. Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.
2. Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.
3. They use parents as school resources or volunteers.