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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

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What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

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

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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Teacher practices and attitudes

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Percent who report that at least weekly:

Percent who report that at least monthly:

They use parents as school resources or volunteers.