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.

**Parents**

Percent who agree or strongly agree:

- That the community supports this school.
- The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.
- They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.

**Teachers**

Percent who say they are satisfied or very satisfied with:

- Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.

**Students**

Percent 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:

- Contact me if my child does something well or improves.
- Contact 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 Parents Say**

Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

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

**Teacher practices and attitudes**

Percent who report that:

- 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.
- They use parents as school resources or volunteers.

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