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.

![Parent Participation Rates](chart1)

**Community support**

This school

R.I. elementary schools

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

![Parents Agree or Strongly Agree](chart2)

### What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

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

![Teachers Agree or Strongly Agree](chart3)

### 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

![Students Agree or Strongly Agree](chart4)

Percent who report that:

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