Engaging Families and Community

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

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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:

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

Students

Percent who report that:

- 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.

Working with parents

What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

- 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.

What Parents Say

Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

- 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.

Too few responses to report.
Inadequate data submitted.

Teacher practices and attitudes

What Teachers Say

Percent who report that at least weekly:

- 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.

Percent who report that at least monthly:

- Teachers use parents as school resources or volunteers.

Too few responses to report.
Inadequate data submitted.

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