### 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

![Parent Participation Rates Chart](image)

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

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### Engaging Families and Community

#### Working with parents

- **Parent Participation Rates**
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#### What Teachers Say

- **Percent who report that at least weekly:**
  - They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.

#### What Parents Say

- **Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:**
  - 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.

#### Teacher practices and attitudes

- **Percent who report that at least monthly:**
  - They use parents as school resources or volunteers.