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.

**Community support**

This school

R.I. elementary schools

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

**Parent Participation Rates**

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**Parents**

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Parents 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.

Students 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:

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:

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**

This school

R.I. elementary schools

Teacher practices and attitudes

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.