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**

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

**What Teachers Say**

- Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:
  - Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.

**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

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