Engaging Families and Community

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

![Graph showing parent participation rates from 2004-05 to 2006-07](SALT Survey)

### What Parents Say

**Parents**

- Percent who agree or strongly agree:
  - That the community supports this school.

**Teachers**

- Percent who say they are satisfied or very satisfied with:
  - The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.

**Students**

- Percent who report that:
  - They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.

### What Teachers Say

**Teacher practices and attitudes**

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

- Percent who 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.

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

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