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

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

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What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

- Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.
- They use parents as school resources or volunteers.
- 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.

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.
- That the community supports this school.
- The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its programs.
- They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.

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.

What Teachers Say

Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:

- 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.

What Teachers Say

Percent who report that at least monthly:

- They use parents as school resources or volunteers.

Too few responses to report
? Inadequate data submitted