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

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*This school compared to R.I. elementary schools.*

### What Parents Say

- **Contacts me if my child does something well or improves:** 80%
- **Contacts me if my child is having a problem:** 70%
- **Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time:** 70%
- **Has a parent-teacher conference with me:** 70%
- **Asks me to volunteer at the school:** 60%

### What Teachers Say

- **They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance:** 70%
- **Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents:** 60%
- **Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education:** 60%

### What Students Say

- **They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week:** 60%