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

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

### What Parents Say

#### Parent Participation Rates

- **2005-06**
- **2006-07**
- **2007-08**

#### Parents

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

#### Teachers

- Percent who say they are satisfied or very satisfied with:
  - That the community supports this school.
  - The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.
  - They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.

### What Teachers Say

#### Working with Parents

- 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

#### Teachers Students

- 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.

### 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.