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

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Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.

What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

- Contacts me if my child does something well or improves: 70%
- Contacts me if my child is having a problem: 80%
- Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time: 90%
- Has a parent-teacher conference with me: 50%
- Asks me to volunteer at the school: 30%

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What Parents Say

Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

- That the community supports this school: 90%
- The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program: 80%
- They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week: 10%

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What Teachers Say

Percent who report that at least weekly:

- They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance: 50%
- Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents: 70%
- Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education: 80%

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What Teachers Say

Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:

- They use parents as school resources or volunteers: 30%

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