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.

**Communicating and working with parents**

### Parent Participation Rates

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

![Graph showing parent participation rates for 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.]

- **Community support**
  - This school
  - R.I. high schools

### What Parents Say

Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

- 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

![Graph showing parent satisfaction with the school.]

### What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

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

![Graph showing teacher satisfaction with various aspects of their work.]

### Teacher practices and attitudes

- Too few responses to report
- Inadequate data submitted

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