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

### What Parents Say

Percent of parents who report that:

- Contacted 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

### What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

- Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education
- 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

### Parental Involvement

- Contacted me if my child does something well or improves
- Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time

- Too few responses to report
- Inadequate data submitted

### Community Support

- This school
- R.I. elementary schools

- 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

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### 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
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