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

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

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<td>2005-06</td>
<td>80%</td>
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### What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

- Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%

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### What Parents Say

Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

- Contacts me if my child does something well or improves
  - This school: 70%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 50%

- Contacts me if my child is having a problem
  - This school: 60%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 40%

- Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%

- Has a parent-teacher conference with me
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%

- Asks me to volunteer at the school
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%

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### Teacher practices and attitudes

Percent who report that at least weekly:

- They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.
  - This school: 60%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 40%

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- Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%

- Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%

- They use parents as school resources or volunteers.
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%