**Engaging Families and Community**

**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.

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**Parent Participation Rates**

The percentage of students in the school whose parents responded to the [SALT Survey](#).

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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
- 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

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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.
- 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.

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**Working with parents**

Percent who report that:

- That the community supports this school.
- They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.
- They agree or strongly agree that:
  - Positive relationships with students’ parents.
  - Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.

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**Teacher practices and attitudes**

Percent who report:

- Too few responses to report?
- Inadequate data submitted?