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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![Percentage of students in the school whose parents responded to the SALT Survey](chart)

**What Teachers Say**

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

**What Parents Say**

- 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

**What Teachers Say**

- Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.
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**What Teachers Say**

- They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.
- They use parents as school resources or volunteers.