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 Teachers Say

#### Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

- Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education:
  - This school: 60%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 70%

### 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: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 90%

- Contacts me if my child is having a problem:
  - This school: 70%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 80%

- Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time:
  - This school: 60%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 70%

- Has a parent-teacher conference with me:
  - This school: 50%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 60%

- Asks me to volunteer at the school:
  - This school: 40%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 50%

### Teacher practices and attitudes

#### Percent who report that at least weekly:

- They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance:
  - This school: 0%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 10%

- Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents:
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 90%

- Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education:
  - This school: 70%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 80%

- They use parents as school resources or volunteers:
  - This school: 30%
  - R.I. elementary schools: 40%