Engaging Families and Community

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.

Communicating and working with parents

### 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 who report they agree or strongly agree that:

- **This school views parents as important partners.**
- **The school and I have different goals for my child.**
- **My child is learning as much as he/she can at this school.**

### What Teachers Say

#### Percent who say that weekly or daily:

- 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.

### Working with parents

- 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
- Includes parents on school committees such as curriculum, budgets and school improvement
- Has a parent-teacher conference with me
- Asks me to volunteer at the school

### Teacher practices and attitudes

- They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.
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### The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.