

Table 1a.—Estimates and standard errors for figures: 1996

Figure	Estimate	Standard error
Figure 1: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that reported always or frequently communicating with parents by various means: 1996		
Parents are given written information about the school's performance on standardized tests.....	85	1.5
Parents are given written interim reports during grading periods.....	83	1.6
Parents are given written information about the goals and objectives of the school's regular instructional program.....	83	1.4
Parents are notified about children's ability-group placements.....	79	3.0
Parents received positive phone calls or notes from teachers when their children's performance improves at school.....	72	2.0
Parents are given examples of work that meets high standards.....	60	2.0
Parents are requested to sign off on homework.....	57	2.2
Parents have access to a school-sponsored helpline.....	24	1.8
Figure 2: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that reported providing parents with information on community services, by selected school characteristics: 1996		
Size of enrollment		
Less than 300.....	76	5.1
300-599.....	91	1.8
600 or more.....	94	1.3
Urbanicity		
City.....	93	1.8
Urban fringe.....	92	2.7
Town.....	88	2.6
Rural.....	78	5.0
Percent minority enrollment		
Less than 5.....	81	3.8
5-19.....	87	3.7
20-49.....	92	2.2
50 or more.....	95	1.3
Figure 3: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that reported using selected methods to provide information to parents on various topics: 1996		
Newsletters or other printed materials.....	95	1.0
Workshops or classes.....	75	1.7
Take-home audio/video.....	23	2.1

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Figure 4: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that reported sponsoring workshops or classes to inform parents about various topics, by selected school characteristics: 1996		
Size of enrollment		
Less than 300.....	61	3.9
300-599	79	2.5
600 or more	82	2.4
Urbanicity		
City.....	86	2.6
Urban fringe	83	2.8
Town	72	4.1
Rural	58	4.1
Percent minority enrollment		
Less than 5.....	63	4.1
5-19	79	3.6
20-49	77	3.6
50 or more	85	2.6
Figure 5: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that reported that various staff members made visits to students' homes: 1996		
Teacher.....	73	2.3
School counselor.....	61	2.7
Home/school coordinator.....	21	2.0
Other staff	76	2.4
Figure 6: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that reported that home visits were made by a home/school coordinator, by poverty concentration and minority enrollment: 1996		
Percent poverty concentration		
Less than 25.....	14	4.3
25-49	14	3.6
50 or more	30	2.5
Percent minority enrollment		
Less than 5.....	18	4.4
5-19	13	3.8
20-49	17	3.1
50 or more	34	3.4
Figure 7: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that reported providing various services for parents with limited English skills: 1996		
Interpreters for meetings or conferences	85	1.8
Translations of newsletters and school notices.....	66	2.8
School signs printed in different languages.....	28	2.0

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Figure 8: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that reported considering parent input in school decisionmaking to a great or moderate extent, by inclusion of parents in an advisory group or policy council: 1996		
Parents on advisory group		
Developing parent involvement activities	72	2.0
Discipline policies and procedures	56	1.7
Curriculum or overall instructional program	53	2.5
The design of special programs	51	2.4
Health-related topics or policies, such as drug or alcohol abuse	49	2.2
Allocation of funds.....	44	2.6
Library books and materials	35	1.9
Monitoring or evaluating teachers	6	0.9
No parents on advisory group		
Developing parent involvement activities	53	5.2
Discipline policies and procedures	31	4.8
Curriculum or overall instructional program	22	4.0
The design of special programs	26	4.5
Health-related topics or policies, such as drug or alcohol abuse	37	4.9
Allocation of funds.....	21	3.6
Library books and materials	17	4.4
Monitoring or evaluating teachers	3	1.8
Figure 9: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that indicated satisfaction with the average parent involvement in selected opportunities: 1996		
Assisting in fundraising activities.....	69	2.1
Volunteering outside the classrooms	57	2.4
Volunteering in the classrooms	51	2.0
Attending parent-teacher association meetings	34	2.2
Figure 10: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that indicated having a parent resource center, and the reported frequency of use: 1996		
Does school have resource center?		
Yes	35	2.3
Developing one	12	1.2
No	53	2.2
Reported frequency of use by parents		
Very frequently	14	2.3
Somewhat frequently.....	46	3.4
Infrequently or not at all.....	37	3.1
Don't know	3	1.1

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Figure 11: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that indicated they received various kinds of assistance for parent involvement activities from their school district or the state: 1996		
Assistance from district		
Setting parent involvement policies	65	1.9
Providing technical assistance (workshops, training)	60	2.3
Providing staff for parent programs	57	2.2
Providing funds.....	38	2.1
Assistance from state		
Setting parent involvement policies	39	2.1
Providing technical assistance (workshops, training)	30	1.8
Providing staff for parent programs	18	1.2
Providing funds.....	23	1.4
Figure 12: Percent of public elementary schools (K-8) that perceived various concerns as barriers to parent involvement at their school to a great or moderate extent: 1996		
Parent-centered barriers		
Lack of time on part of parents	87	1.5
Lack of parent education to help with schoolwork.....	38	2.1
Cultural or socioeconomic differences between parents and staff	23	1.6
Parent attitudes about the school	23	1.4
Language difference between parent and staff	12	1.2
Staff/school-centered barriers		
Lack of time on the part of staff.....	56	2.3
Lack of staff training in working with parents.....	48	1.9
Staff attitudes toward parents	18	1.7
Safety in the area after school hours	9	1.0

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fast Response Survey System, "Survey on Family and School Partnerships in Public Schools, K-8," FRSS 58, 1996.