

GOAL 8: Parental Participation

State Indicator 34. Influence of Parent Associations

Have states¹ increased the percentages of public school principals reporting that the parent associations in their schools have influence in one or more of three areas of school policy?

↑	Better	17 states
↔	No Change	34 states
↓	Worse	0 states

Improvement over time

Between 1991 and 1994, 17 states (out of 51) significantly increased the percentages of public school principals reporting that the parent associations in their schools have influence in one or more of three areas of school policy:

1. Alaska	6. Kentucky	11. Oklahoma	16. Vermont
2. Arizona	7. Massachusetts	12. Pennsylvania	17. Wisconsin
3. Colorado	8. Nevada	13. Rhode Island	
4. Idaho	9. New Mexico	14. Texas	
5. Iowa	10. New York	15. Utah	

Highest-performing states*

States with the highest percentages of public school principals reporting that the parent associations in their schools have influence in one or more of three areas of school policy:

	(1994)
Colorado	50%
Alaska	43%
New Mexico	40%
Kentucky	37%
California	36%

Indicators are not the same at the national and state levels.

* Top 5 states (out of 51).

Most-improved states

States that made the greatest gains in the percentages of public school principals reporting that the parent associations in their schools have influence in one or more of three areas of school policy:

	(1991)	(1994)	Change*
Colorado	28%	50%	+22
Kentucky	17%	37%	+20
Pennsylvania	10%	28%	+18
Vermont	8%	24%	+17
Alaska	27%	43%	+16
New York	18%	34%	+16
Utah	17%	33%	+16

* Differences between the first two columns may differ slightly from the figures reported in the "change" column due to rounding.

¹ The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.