



# Vista Magnet Middle School

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## VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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#### TITLE 1, SCHOOL-LEVEL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The purpose of the Vista Unified School District is to educate all students to become responsible citizens who make positive, intelligent and productive contributions to their community, state, and nation. Vista Magnet Middle School recognizes the value in shared responsibility of student achievement. Parental involvement in a child's education is the most consistent indicator of whether the child is successful in school.

Vista Magnet Middle School is committed to a quality educational program that values parental involvement. We recognize that parents play a very important role in their children's education and take every opportunity to foster the relationship between school, parent, and child. Vista Magnet Middle School prides itself in our dedication to our students, families, community, and to lifelong learning.

#### PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Vista Magnet Middle School agrees to implement the following requirements:

- The school will ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policy meets the requirements of section 1118 of the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA).
- The school will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and reviewed and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how funds reserved under this part are spent for parent involvement activities. The school will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- The school will provide parental involvement activities in the areas of improving student achievement, child development and additional topics parents may request.
- The school will be governed by the following definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

## **PART II. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

Vista Magnet Middle School shall develop jointly with parents a school-parent compact that specifies how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The compact will describe how the school and parents will develop a partnership to help students achieve proficiency in the content standards. The compact will be periodically updated.

## **PART III. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy shall include a description of how the school will implement or accomplish each of the following components.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and review of its school parental involvement policy: School Site Council; Snakebytes surveys; committee participation, Coffee with the Principal/Cafecito.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall take the following actions to involve parents in the process of planning, joint development of the program, review and improvement of programs under Title I Part A of the ESEA : School Site Council, Snakebytes Surveys, committee participation, Coffee with the Principal/Cafecito.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting: Quarterly Family Nights and Coffee with the Principal meetings.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet: Parent Conferences, Open House, Back to School Night, Quarterly Family Nights.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall, at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings, held at flexible times, for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by: School Site Council, ELAC, Parent Conferences, Open House, Back to School Night, Quarterly Family Nights, Coffee with the Principal/Cafecito.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading by: Progress Reports and Grade Reports, Parent Portal access.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described below --

- the state's academic content standards,
- the state's student academic achievement standards,
- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Title I Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators:

Vista Magnet Middle School shall provide materials and training to help parents work with their children in the areas of improving student achievement, (including literacy training and using technology) child development and additional topics parents may request: Quarterly parent nights: technology; homework help, cyber-bullying.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, student services personnel, principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by: Professional Development, staff meetings, village meetings and family meetings and parent conferences.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by: School Site Council, Quarterly Parent Nights; Migrant Ed services; District Parent Liaison, ELAC ; Parent Room meetings.

Vista Magnet Middle School shall take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand: Website, Snakebytes, Tweets, Letters, Student Handbook, Flyers and Peachjar – in Spanish and English where possible.

#### **PART IV. POLICY ADOPTION**

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by School Site Council .

This policy was adopted by Vista Magnet Middle School on May 10, 2018 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before August 2018.



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(Signature of Authorized Official)

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