



# ENROLLMENT HANDBOOK

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**The Fuente Nueva Charter School Mission is to empower kindergarten through fifth grade students to become engaged world citizens through a challenging and creative Spanish immersion program that emphasizes academic excellence, the arts, community involvement, and social responsibility.**

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Fuente Nueva Charter School

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is understanding of life's changing paths and at the same time respectfully requests that you seriously consider if you are able to make a long-term commitment.

## GETTING INVOLVED

Fuente Nueva gives parents the opportunity to involve themselves in their child's learning experience and school community. We are always open to ideas for improvement and pride ourselves on our ability to grow. ***Our school is what it is today due to the tremendous efforts and commitment of our parents. Each family is expected to volunteer at least four hours a month in or out of the school.*** Many parents volunteer beyond the four-hour expectation. This greatly affects the richness of our students' experience at our school. Opportunities for meeting the volunteer hours are varied. We do our best to find a task that works for every family.

Here is a list of the many ways that parents have contributed to our school:

- Serve on the Fuente Nueva Charter Council (our governing Board of Directors)
- Serve on the Amigos de Fuente Nueva Board (FNCS booster club)
- Volunteer in the classroom
- Bring a unique lesson to the classroom in one's own area of expertise
- Chaperone on a field trip
- Organize special events such as biannual performances/socials
- Fundraising through the PTO
- Recycling, odd jobs, yard duty, classroom improvement, all-campus work party days
- And countless other ways that continue to change and evolve

## ATTENDANCE

A child's success at school is directly related to his or her ability to have consistent regular attendance. In addition, our school budget is dependent upon students' daily attendance. If a child does not attend school for any reason, we do not receive funding for that student on that day. Being such a small school, student absences make a huge impact on our school budget. For both of these reasons please make every attempt to have your child attend school every day. If appointments need to be made, please make them after school. Families who choose to travel have the option of placing their child on independent study. If you are planning a vacation, please contact the School Secretary or the Charter Director at least two weeks in advance.

## HOME SUPPORT

Supporting English language development at home is an essential role for parents to play. This can be simply reading to your child or playing simple games. Learning basic Spanish is an excellent way for parents to help support their children in our program. This in no way is essential but even learning simple phrases shows your child that you value the work they are doing during the school day. We strive to offer Spanish classes for parents for a sliding scale fee. Classes are dependent upon the instructor's availability and parent interest.