

Parent, Student

HANDBOOK

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PARENT PARTICIPATION POLICY (PPP)

VISTA Charter Middle School recognizes that, when schools and parents form strong partnerships, our children's potential for educational success improves significantly. Teachers and school administrators become more aware of parent and community expectations and may implement their suggestions regarding programs and operations. Parents learn the scope of the school's instructional program and set high expectations for their children. As a result, schools can better focus on student growth and success.

School-Parent Compact

VISTA Charter Middle School, the faculty, the parents, and the students, agree to honor the following compact.

School Responsibilities

VISTA Charter Middle School will provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet California's student academic achievement standards as follows:

- By providing a safe, supportive, and effective learning environment for all students.
- By monitoring student progress in their **Personal Learning Plan**.
- By providing parents with information about their children's progress through parent conferences, progress reports, and online access.
- By providing parents access to staff through email, phone calls, and personal conferences in a timely and professional manner.
- By offering parents the opportunity to volunteer in their child's school.
- By holding parent teacher conferences to discuss this compact and its relevance to the individual child's achievement as needed.
- By providing parents the opportunity to observe classroom activities.
- By **teaching like a champion** every day.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, we will support my child's learning in the following ways:

- By volunteering at least 10 hours per semester as indicated in the **Parent Participation Plan**.
- By reading the Parent Handbook and returning the tear-off signed.
- By ensuring my child is in school and on time daily and **wearing the school uniform**.
- By providing a quiet place for my child to work.
- By attending parent conferences and school events.
- By making sure that homework is completed and returned on time.
- By limiting my child's time watching TV and/or playing video games.
- By ensuring that my child reads a **minimum of 30 – 60** minutes each day.
- By encouraging my child to read and complete a daily log.
- By reading all notices sent home and checking my child's agenda daily.
- By visiting the school website and POWERSCHOOL regularly.
- By updating the school every time phone numbers and/or addresses change.
- By informing the school each time my child is absent via phone call and written note.
- By **parenting like a champion** every day.

Student Responsibilities

students will share the responsibility to meet Vista's high academic standards in the following ways:

- By coming to school on time and prepared to learn.
- By doing my homework every day and turning it in on time.
- By asking for help when I do not understand the content.
- By reading for **at least 30-60 minutes** every night.
- By limiting the amount of time spent watching and/or playing video games during the school week.
- By committing to a bully-free school and speaking to an adult if there is ever a problem.
- By immediately giving all school notices to my parents or guardians.
- By wearing the school uniform each day.
- By completing all of my class work and showing my parents my agenda daily.
- By respecting adults, my peers, and school property.
- By practicing the 6 Pillars of CHARACTER: **TRUSTWORTHINESS-RESPECT-RESPONSIBILITY-FAIRNESS-CARING-CITIZENSHIP**
- By **learning like a champion** every day.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES:

Parent Volunteer Hours

VISTA Charter Middle School will build and encourage strong familial relationships to ensure effective parent involvement. Vista is committed to support a partnership with you to improve student academic achievement. We expect each parent to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours a year (minimum 10 per semester) to support the education of their child. These hours can be achieved by completing a combination of the following:

- Read the parent handbook and return the signed tear-off
- Attend any scheduled parent conferences initiated by parent or school
- Attend Back to School Night and Open House
- Attend family nights
- Attend Coffee with the Principal
- Attend special school events (as announced)
- Attend IEP meetings and SST meetings when applicable
- Academic enrichment hours with the family (Museums, library, cultural events, etc.)
- Classroom observations
- Volunteer onsite (office help, community service, translating, school maintenance, supervising students, etc.)
- Donate to school events

The above mentioned list is only a suggestion to the many opportunities parents will have to be a **part of something special** here at **Vista Charter Middle School**. We believe that by completing these hours with and for your child, you will be cultivating memories that will last a lifetime. We want your child to **Soar Like an Eagle** and attain the greatest heights of their potential. With you by their side, there is no limit to how high they will go.

Adopted School Site Council 05/22/13