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## **Vista Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

As the parent of a Vista student, your involvement in our school and its continued operation is critical. Your time and effort helps create a better educational experience for our students. Your assistance at Vista also demonstrates your commitment to your child's education and offers a sense of personal pride in knowing that you've made a difference. We strongly encourage parents to volunteer during the instructional day. Additionally, our teachers count on adult help and integrate it into their lesson plans. Our administrators benefit from the input and expertise of parent committee's in the areas of school management and organization. Therefore, parental commitment must be consistent, judicious, and dependable.

Vista is a Targeted assistance Title I school, Vista has several programs to help students in need of intensive instruction in the core subjects. Vista will host a Title I meeting each school year during our annual Literacy Night in February to inform parents of the school's participation under Title I and to explain the Title I requirements and parents' rights to be involved.

During SEPs (parent teacher conferences), teachers will inform parents regarding the curriculum used in the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, the proficiency levels students are expected to meet and how parents can work with the school to improve their child's academic achievement. Parents will receive timely information on their children's progress through SEPs, benchmark reports, and teacher emails. Parents may also monitor children's homework completion through Canvas and current grade status through SIS.

SEPs are held two times per year. Conferences are scheduled during the day and in the evening to accommodate parents' schedules. Spanish translators are provided to facilitate communications between teachers and parents. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative in contacting children's teachers when they are concerned. They may also call the school office and ask for a conference.

Vista also encourages parent volunteerism and participation as detailed in our Parent/Student/School Compact. Vista has a community volunteer coordinator, Michelle Hansen at [mhansen@vistautah.com](mailto:mhansen@vistautah.com), to assist parents in their effort to volunteer at Vista. To participate in PTO activities contact [PTO@vistautah.com](mailto:PTO@vistautah.com). When appropriate, PTO will work to build partnerships with organizations, community outreach centers, businesses and other schools in the community. These partnerships will be formed in order to improve the involvement of the community in the school, through volunteer work or the donation of gifts, and the involvement of the school in the community.



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Parents who are interested in serving will have the opportunity by participating in the following events and committees as posted on our school website at [vistautah.com](http://vistautah.com) and the weekly newsletter.

- Monthly Board Meetings
- Strategic Planning Committees
- Family Seminars
- College and Career Awareness Week
- Literacy Night
- Stem Night

The Responsibilities of the school, parents, and children in increasing student learning and achievement are identified in our Student/Parent/School Compact. The compacts are reviewed and signed during our Title I Parent Meeting. Parents are invited to review the policy and compact and make suggestions for revisions.

The Vista administration will review our school data, evaluate school progress, and identify annual school improvement goals in conjunction with Vista parent input. Planning, review and improvement of the family engagement programs and the schoolwide plan will be conducted during monthly board meetings, strategic planning committee meetings and annual Title I meetings. Also, the Vista Director will hold monthly faculty meetings to inform faculty of parent concerns or activities when appropriate. The director will also distribute information that demonstrates the value and utility of parental contributions and engagement with school personnel. Parents are encouraged to fill out the yearly survey to assist the administration with the evaluation of the content and effectiveness of Vista's Parent and Family Engagement Policy on an annual basis. Vista's Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be revised on the basis of the annual review. All information will be disseminated during our annual Title I Parent Meeting. The school's annual report card will also be disseminated through the school website.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Richardson at [trichardson@vistautah.com](mailto:trichardson@vistautah.com)

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