Vista Charter School

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Purpose

Vista Charter School recognizes that parents, guardians, and family members are essential partners in student learning and achievement. The school is committed to developing and maintaining meaningful partnerships among families, staff, students, and the community to support high academic standards and student success.

In accordance with Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Colorado Department of Education requirements, Vista Charter School shall jointly develop with parents and family members a written Parent and Family Engagement Policy and distribute it to all families in an understandable and uniform format.

Policy Development

Vista Charter School will:

1. Involve parents and family members in the development, review, and revision of this policy.
2. Seek input from families through surveys, meetings, advisory committees, and other opportunities for feedback.
3. Review this policy annually and revise it as needed to meet the changing needs of students, families, and the school.
4. Make this policy available to the local community and post it on the school website.

Annual Title I Meeting

Vista Charter School will convene an annual Title I Parent Meeting at a convenient time to:

- Inform families of the school's participation in Title I programs.
- Explain Title I requirements and parent rights.
- Describe how Title I funds support student achievement.
- Review academic expectations, assessments, and school improvement goals.
- Provide opportunities for family questions, input, and participation.

Multiple opportunities for participation may be offered, including morning, evening, or virtual meetings.

Family Participation in School Programs

Vista Charter School will involve parents and family members in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in:

- Planning, reviewing, and improving Title I programs.
- Developing and reviewing the School Improvement Plan.
- Reviewing and revising the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- Developing and reviewing the School-Parent Compact.
- Providing input regarding family engagement activities and school priorities.

Parents may submit comments and recommendations regarding school programs at any time.

School-Parent Compact

Vista Charter School and families will jointly develop a School-Parent Compact that outlines shared responsibilities for improving student academic achievement.

The compact will describe how:

- The school will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- Families will support learning at home.
- Students will take responsibility for their learning.
- School staff and families will communicate regularly regarding student progress.

Building Capacity for Family Engagement

Vista Charter School will build the capacity of families and staff for strong family-school partnerships by:

Supporting Families

The school will:

- Provide information about curriculum, assessments, and academic expectations.
- Offer family workshops and resources that support student learning.
- Share strategies families can use at home to improve student achievement.
- Provide timely information regarding student progress.
- Encourage volunteer opportunities and participation in school activities.

Supporting Staff

The school will:

- Provide professional development for teachers, administrators, and staff on effective family engagement practices.
- Promote respectful communication and collaboration with families.
- Build staff understanding of the value of family contributions to student success.

Communication and Accessibility

Vista Charter School will provide communication in a language and format families can understand whenever practicable.

The school will:

- Provide translated documents and interpretation services when feasible.
- Use multiple communication methods, including email, phone calls, text messaging, newsletters, conferences, and the school website.
- Ensure participation opportunities are accessible to parents and family members with disabilities.
- Consider family needs related to scheduling, transportation, childcare, and technology access whenever possible.

Parent Rights and Information

Vista Charter School will provide families with timely information regarding:

- Student academic achievement and growth.
- State and local assessments.
- Curriculum and instructional programs.
- Opportunities to participate in school decision-making.
- Procedures for requesting information about teacher and paraprofessional qualifications as required by ESSA.
- Notifications required under federal and state law, including information regarding student placement with teachers who do not meet state certification requirements when applicable.

Coordination with Community Resources

Vista Charter School will collaborate with community organizations, businesses, and educational partners to strengthen family engagement and support student learning.

Annual Evaluation

Each year, Vista Charter School will evaluate the effectiveness of this Parent and Family Engagement Policy by:

- Collecting input from families through surveys, meetings, and feedback opportunities.
- Identifying barriers that limit family participation.
- Reviewing participation data and engagement activities.
- Assessing the impact of family engagement efforts on student achievement.
- Using evaluation results to improve family engagement programs and revise this policy as needed.

Particular attention will be given to removing barriers for families who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, are migratory, or belong to historically underserved populations.

Adoption

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy was jointly developed with parents and family members and adopted by Vista Charter School.

Effective Date: _____

Annual Review Date: _____

School Administrator: _____

Parent Representative: _____