

Moore

# VISTA ACADEMY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AGREEMENT

It is our sincere desire that you be successful in school. You **MUST** be willing to accept responsibility for your educational achievement and behavior. As a condition for placement in VISTA Day School and to avoid discipline in the office or classroom you must abide by the following guidelines.

\_\_\_\_ Will attend classes and **WILL NOT** be tardy. Will have all supplies and assignments ready-students are **NOT** allowed out to their vehicles during the school day.

\_\_\_\_ Will be on task during class and complete the work assigned to you by the teacher. **NO SLEEPING IN CLASS**

\_\_\_\_ While working on Grad Point, no network surfing, no media player, no changing desktop settings

\_\_\_\_ You **MUST** cooperate with the teachers and administrators. Show respect by word and action.

\_\_\_\_ You **MUST** avoid rude, provocative remarks and/or acts of physical aggression toward fellow students and **ALL STAFF**.

\_\_\_\_ You **MUST** act appropriately when not in the classroom.

\_\_\_\_ You **MUST** pass **ALL CLASSES**

\_\_\_\_ **ABSOLUTELY NO BACKPACKS OR LARGE PURSES**-all bags & purses must fit in the 9x11x12 container in the main office.

\_\_\_\_ You must adhere to all school policies and procedures stated in the student handbook.

\_\_\_\_ No alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, vapes, e-cigs or paraphernalia.

\_\_\_\_ No weapons and/or items that might harm others.

\_\_\_\_ No bandanas, do rags, or hats of any kind

\_\_\_\_ No sagging attire will be tolerated.

Students will participate in the intramural schedule at the community center and community service activities. They will work with the teachers in group activities and/or walk at the teacher's discretion. Community service IS a graded activity and students ARE REQUIRED to participate.

As Always, we as educators will support you in all of your educational goals. We look forward to working with you this year. By signing this contract we completely understand our responsibilities. If my child is to be successful he/she must comply with all rules and guidelines hereto established in this agreement.

Student Signature _____ Date _____	Parent Signature _____ Date _____
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# PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

As a parent of a student in the VISTA Junior High Program, I understand that the teachers of this program are by the reduced class sizes allowed to spend more time with one on one instruction with my child and should be expected to do so. However, I also acknowledge that the most important factor contributing to the academic success of my child is his/her parent or guardian. Therefore, in acknowledging this I, in agreement with the principal and faculty of the VISTA Junior High Program agree to take the following steps to better ensure the academic success of my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that a close working relationship with my child's educators is of great importance and therefore make myself available to meet with faculty at least once a month.

\_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to make myself available **after school** for **ANY individual meetings** involving discipline and/or the academic achievement of my child that the faculty of VISTA Junior High deem necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to ensure all paperwork regarding my child's academic success and or behavior be returned promptly to the school so that they will know that it has been seen by me. I understand that **this includes signing my student's agenda every night** to acknowledge I have read the entries for that day.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my child may have to stay after school for tutoring or discipline reasons. I acknowledge that **I WILL BE ABLE TO** arrange transportation for my child to be picked up after school if that need arises with reasonable notification from the school.

I further acknowledge that my inability to pick up my child after school for detention or tutoring would be cause for my child to be removed from the VISTA program.

VISTA Academy understands and appreciates the difficulty of parent/guardian work schedules and family commitments. VISTA Academy will work with and make reasonable accommodation with parents/guardians to facilitate a reasonable extension of time in order for the student to receive tutoring or stay for disciplinary reasons.

**The following are suggestions that will greatly enhance your child's opportunity to succeed.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledging that perhaps the most important element contributing to my child's success is his/her reading ability and the skills it produces, I pledge to spend at least an additional **30 minutes per night** listening to my child read. Material may include schoolbooks, newspapers, magazines, or any book that I as the parent deem appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Knowing that consistent attendance is a primary contributor to the success of my child, I pledge to do my best to ensure that he/she is present and on time to class every day in accordance with Moore Public Schools attendance policy and Oklahoma State Law.

In agreeing to the above terms you as the parent have taken important steps in ensuring the success of your child in the VISTA Junior High Program. Failure to follow above terms will result in your child being dismissed from the program to return to his/her home school.

We look forward to working with your child and sharing in his/her academic success.

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Student Name

Parent Signature

Date

# VISTA Junior High School Attendance Policies

Taken from page 24 of the MPS Secondary Handbook 2015-16:

"In order to receive credit for a course, a student cannot be absent more than 10 days each semester. Oklahoma State law requires school officials to keep attendance records and report excessive absences to the District Attorney's office."

"Students must be in the classroom when the tardy bell has stopped ringing or he/she will be counted tardy. All tardies are counted unless the student has a pass from a staff member. Records of tardies will be kept by each teacher. **Two tardies constitute an absence and will be counted as such in conjunction with the attendance policy.**

If a student misses **more than 5 minutes of class**, he/she will be marked in the grade book as absent from the class, and it will count toward the ten days allowed per semester."

## VISTA Junior High Specific Policy is as follows:

- Students need to be in the cafeteria by 7:45. After 7:45 students **MUST** sign in at the office.
- 7:46-7:51 Students are marked tardy. 7:52 and later students are marked absent/truant.
- Trains frequently block 4<sup>th</sup> street. This is **not** an excused tardy.
- Parents **MUST CALL** 735-4640 by 8am if student will be absent. **This includes if the student is over 18.**
- If a parent does not contact the office **by 8am** the absence is recorded as a **truancy**.
- Students with 5 unexcused absences will be reported to the District Attorney's office and student will be returned to homeschool at Principal Brown's discretion.

STUDENTS  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

VISTA Academy Junior High  
Student I.D./Agenda Program

It is the goal of VISTA Academy for all students to be successful in life and at school. To help students become successful, the student agenda program is designed to teach responsibility. The program teaches students to accept responsibility for their actions and not make excuses.

- It will be the responsibility of the student to show and have their parent/guardian sign their agendas every day after school. Any homework the student has will be highlighted in yellow.
- When the student enters the school building at the start of the day, they should have their I.D. around their neck and the agenda in their possession with the parent/guardian signature. **If the student does not have either the I.D. or the signed agenda; the following progressive consequences will be administered:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Free (offense will be excused)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: 1 day after school detention**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: 2 days after school detention**

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense: In School Suspension (ISD) until a parent meeting can be held**

- Failure to cooperate with these expectations could result in dismissal from the program.

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*Students will often perceive themselves as victims.*

*This is perhaps the most treacherous part of blaming and excuse making, because it develops one of the worst possible perceptions in kids: "Since I'm a victim, the rules don't apply to me."*

I have read and understand the VISTA Academy I.D./Agenda Program rules and policy. I agree that I will make myself available for any and all meetings and that I will make alternative transportation arrangements so my child can be picked up after school if they have detention.

Parent Signature

Date

## VISTA Academy Junior High Student Cell Phone Policy

In order to promote a healthy educational climate and to prevent distractions, it shall be the policy of the VISTA Academy Junior High Program to require all students to turn in their cell phones during school hours.

-Students may use their cell phones at breakfast and at lunch time.

-If a student has after school detention or ISD, they forfeit their privilege of using the phone at breakfast and lunch.

-If a student needs to contact their parent/guardian during school hours, they may use the telephone in the office.

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