

VACA PEÑA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Policy Involvement Policy

Vaca Pena Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) which provides financial assistance to schools to meet the needs of at-risk students. The goal of Title I is to provide additional instructional services and activities that support students in meeting the state's challenging performance standards. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and includes strategies to support parent involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop a written parental involvement policy with all parents.

A Parent Involvement Policy and program shall be an integral component of the school level plan that promotes a meaningful partnership between the school, the home, and the community.

Shared Responsibility for Academic Achievement

Vaca Pena Middle School believes that parent engagement centers on two-way, meaningful conversations regarding student achievement and activities. At Vaca Pena, parents are encouraged to be:

- Actively Involved in their child's education
- Partners in school wide decision making and planning
- Participate on advisory committees to promote high academic success for their child
- Informed on activities via school website, school marquee and daily bulletin

Building Capacity for Parent Involvement

Input is gathered in the following ways:

- Annual Parent Survey
- English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- School Site Council Committee
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Schoolwide Title 1 Planning Meeting

Parents can access this information via:

- School Site Council Meetings
- English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- AVID Family Nights
- Main Office
- School Website

Partners in Education:

- Meetings are published on the school marquee, school website calendar, email/electronic notifications and the daily bulletin
- Vaca Pena Middle School will host a Back to School Night, Parent Conferences, 6th Grade Open House, 7th Grade & New Student Orientation to support parents in better understanding student achievement and state standards

Parent Resource Center:

- Aeries Parent Portal provides up to date information on student attendance, grades, and access to emergency contact information
- School Loop is utilized for school to home communication
- Counseling Office provides departmental policies on grading and curriculum as well as counseling and parent support.

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VPMS School - Home Compact

1. Close the Achievement Gap: Implement systematic changes to address the achievement gap; preventing school failure through the provision of intervention support and dropout prevention systems
2. School Climate: Ensure all school sites have safe, welcoming, healthy and inclusive climates for all students and their families, so that all students are in their classes ready to learn

Student Academic Agreement

I promise to do the following so that I will grow academically and be successful:

- Come to school on time and prepared to do my best
- Complete all classwork assignments daily
- Be an active learner by listening, participating and asking questions in all of my classes
- Complete homework, reading and student assignments outside the classroom daily
- Follow the Panther Pact to be compassionate, responsible, respectful and safe

Parent/Guardian Academic Agreement

I (we) agree to the following to support my (our) child:

- Ensure my child is on time, attends school regularly, completes all assignments and comes to school ready to learn
- Establish a home routine for studying, reading and completing assignments
- Read/discuss progress reports with my child
- Stay in communication with Vaca Peña staff to support the academic and social/emotional learning of the classroom and school
- Participate in parent engagement events such as Back to School Night, parent/teacher conferences and other events that promote academic success for my child

School/teacher Academic Agreement

We agree to the following to support the academic growth of all students:

- Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment
- Hold parent/teacher conferences
- Provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress
- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff
- Provide parent engagement opportunities to support student achievement
- Publish information about school events, parent engagement opportunities and school meetings in a variety of ways and in a timely fashion