

7. **Is there other support staff at Vistas?**
Vistas has a director, a curriculum/ instructional administrator, a counselor, a Instructional Media Specialist/Librarian, Career And Technology Education teacher, a nurse, and office staff.
8. **Is transportation provided to Vistas?**
Transportation is provided in the mornings and afternoons to and from the other KISD high schools.
9. **Are students at Vistas able to participate in extra-curricular activities?**
Options are available for students to participate in extra-curricular activities at their zoned high school dependent upon student's schedule and availability of activities.
10. **Will students be able to graduate from Vistas?**
Students will graduate with a high school diploma from their zoned high school. The relative position of the Vistas student's class rank will not affect other students' ranking at their zoned high school.

If you have any additional questions, contact Ms. Peggy Ekster, Director at 832-484-7660



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-Dr. Lawrence Lezotte

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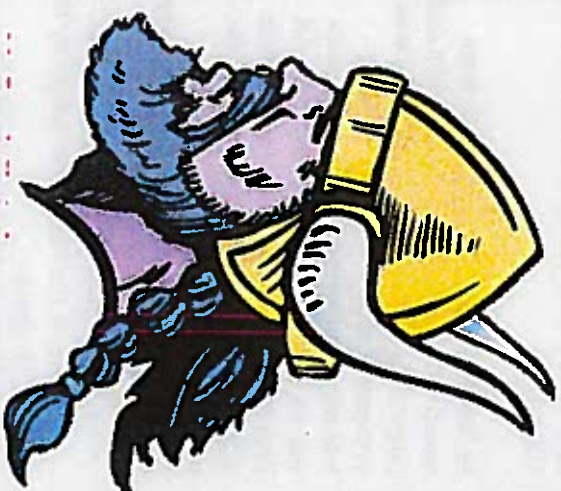
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Vistas High School Program



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Vistas “High School Program of Choice”

Vistas is the only “high school program of choice” in the Klein Independent School District. It opened in the fall of 2006.

The concept of a *high school of choice* was first identified as a strategy to ensure that Klein ISD meets the needs of all learners as part of the “Shaping Our Future” discussion during the school year of 2003-2004.

In November of 2004, an action team was formed to articulate the mission and purpose of Vistas. The action team was composed of 21 members including teachers, counselors, building administrators, and district administrators. All four high schools and two intermediate schools had representation on the committee. The committee:

- Determined the mission and purpose of Vistas.
- Identified the needs of the students that would be served by the program.
- Reviewed the literature to determine the characteristics of effective high schools of choice.
- Visited four high schools of choice in the Houston area.

Questions and Answers

1. Where is Vistas located?
12550 Bammel N. Houston
Houston, TX 77066

2. What are the fundamental beliefs of Vistas?

Vistas provides a small and nurturing environment where all learners are appreciated and individual talents and abilities are respected. Like all Klein ISD high schools, the Vistas program is based on the principles of *rigor, relevance, relationships, respect and responsibility*.

- A challenging *rigorous* curriculum is necessary to prepare students for post secondary education and the world of work.
 - A curriculum that has *relevance* to the students’ lives and personal goals will result in greater motivation for the learning.
 - Small school size and small class size, a unique feature of Vistas, allows learners to form *relationships* with numerous adults.
 - Students at Vistas must accept *responsibility* for doing whatever it takes to earn their high school diploma.
 - An environment of *respect* among the staff and students is created so that students at Vistas have a sense of self-worth.
3. Who can apply to attend Vistas?
Vistas targets students who:
- Need credit recovery options in order to complete high school.
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4. What is the enrollment process for Vistas?

A student wishing to attend Vistas will complete an application and meet with an interview committee. A conference with the student and the student’s parents will be scheduled to discuss and determine if Vistas is the appropriate education program to meet the student’s personal and academic goals.

5. What are some key features of the Vistas program?

- Extended hours for credit recovery
- A smaller student-to-teacher ratio of approximately 15 to 1.
- Individual Learning Plans that ensure the student’s individual goals are reflected in the student’s academic program.
- Technology that is used as a tool in a one-to-one learning environment to facilitate the teaching-learning process and accommodate different learning styles.
- Ongoing assessment of student progress through the use of classroom based assessments and standardized assessments.
- A highly qualified staff with diverse talents and multiple areas of expertise and certifications that functions as a professional learning community.

6. Does Vistas have certified teachers?

The faculty at Vistas is composed of teachers who are fully certified and highly qualified in various content areas.