



Do you have what it takes to be a Vista Academy Scholar and begin your journey to obtain your Vista SWAGGER?

Vista Academy is a Denver Public School 6th-12th grade Multiple Pathway Center that is geared towards re-engaging students in the educational process. Vista Academy is the school for you if you answer yes to the following questions:

- Are you committed to obtaining an education and following the expectations that the school and teachers have established for you to obtain your Vista SWAGGER?
- Do you need teachers and staff who believe in you and provide you with supports to make sure that you are successful?
- Are you excited about the idea that you are encouraged to advocate for your learning and given the tools to make sure that you are successful?
- Do you want to build your academic skills, and develop an individualized plan for your future so that you are able to compete with any student in the world?

If you answered yes to these questions then Vista Academy is the school for you!

Middle School Application Guidelines

1. Students must complete an online application or print out the application and return to Vista Academy at 4800 Telluride Street; Student Union, Building 1; Denver, CO 80249.
2. Students must complete a three-five minute video clip sharing who the student is for the admissions committee. The video clip can be submitted attached to the completed online application or submitted on a thumb drive or disc with a completed hard copy of the application.
3. Students will have to submit three recommendations; two must be from a teacher and/or school staff. The third recommendation must be from an adult not related to the applicant outside of school, which can include mentors, social worker, mental health therapist, coach, extra-curricular activity sponsor, etc....



4. All application materials must be submitted via online by midnight on December 17, 2010. If the student is submitting a hard copy of the application it must be turned in with all of the application materials to the Vista Academy Office by 4pm, December 17, 2010.

Middle School Admissions Process

The following provides the application and admissions timeline:

November 15-January 14	Applications Accepted
January 2011	Applicants are notified of acceptance to Round 2 (interviews scheduled, and denial letters are mailed to applicants)
February 4-6	Final denial letters mailed to applicants Final acceptance letters and invitations to Welcome Reception mailed to applicants
February 24	Welcome Reception

Students will have the opportunity to meet each other, teachers and staff, and learn their steps on their journey to gain Vista Swagger, which includes attending Mandatory SWAGGER Enrichment on the following dates:

April 9, 2011 from 8am-12pm on the Evie Dennis Campus in the Student Union

May 14, 2011 from 8am-12pm on the Evie Dennis Campus in the Student Union

May 28, 2011 from 8am-12pm on the Evie Dennis Campus in the Student Union

Another Mandatory attendance activity is our SWAGGER Academy that will take place July 25th-29th off Campus at a location TBD. Monday, Wednesday and Friday SWAGGER Academy will be held from 9am-12pm and on Tuesday and Thursday we will go on a field trip from 9am-3pm.

The admissions process will be complete once students attend these mandatory activities. Students will enter Vista Academy under a Probationary Contract that will include attendance and academic expectations where students will have to maintain expectations to keep their admissions slot at Vista Academy.

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Our expectations will be outlined in the contract and the Vista Academy SWAGGER Handbook. Students will understand and demonstrate that Vista Academy Students have SWAGGER:

Scholars

World Class

Active In Our Community

Go Getters

Global Thinkers

Enterprising

Relentless In Our Pursuit of an Education

Vista Academy Middle School Application

Date of Birth_____

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Students _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

The Parent/Guardian is the person who is legally responsible for the student.

Parent/Guardian _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address (if different from student) _____

Home Phone (if different from student) _____

Cell Phone (if different from student) _____

The following section should include a person (who is not listed above) who the school will always be able to contact if there is an emergency and can act on behalf of the parent/guardian in their absence.

Name of Emergency Contact (other than a parent/guardian) _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

The following is information about the student.

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Ethnicity of student: _____ African American _____ American Indian _____ White



If the answer to the previous question is yes, in what county do you have your truancy case?

If you are not enrolled in a school or are enrolled in a school and not attending what is the reason why you are not attending?

What is your least favorite thing about school and explain why?

What is your favorite thing about school and briefly explain why this is your favorite thing?

All middle school students will participate in service learning projects to meet authentic community needs twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Think about your community and tell us what problems you see in your community and what things you think would help address the problems you have identified?



The following are roadblocks that might have prevented you from being successful in previous school settings. Please mark all that apply to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitually truant | <input type="checkbox"/> Adjudicated delinquency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being bullied | <input type="checkbox"/> Gang involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant/Parenting | <input type="checkbox"/> Physically or Sexually Abused |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited English Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited academic skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Expelled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> Did not like your teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talked during class | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent Arguments with Teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent Arguments with Students | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Fights with Students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Was bored, the work was too easy | <input type="checkbox"/> Frustrated, the work was too hard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please Describe _____ | |

In the space below please write an essay to the Admissions Committee describing yourself and why you should be admitted to Vista Academy.
