



Elementary School Magnets

Casita Center



Casita Center became an authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBPYP) School in May, 2017. IBPYP is a curriculum framework focusing on the development

of the whole child as an inquirer. It also opens students' minds to the value of language and how it communicates the richness of so many cultures. To be the model of educational excellence, every Casita teacher has completed or is enrolled at Cal State San Marcos through the Extended Studies Program to earn an IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning. Casita is also a magnet school of choice with a STEAM focus. Weekly, students attend a variety of labs where they take extracurricular subjects such as coding and programming, environmental science, design and makery, Spanish, art, and culinary arts. On our campus, we have turned a wetlands conservation easement into a Schoolyard Habitat/Outdoor Education Classroom. We also have a certified Wildlife Habitat Garden, a butterfly garden, a music playground and an Imagination Playground in a Box. We are a diverse community that reflects the demographics of VUSD. We hold high expectations for ALL students.

Vista Academy of Visual and Performing Arts



Vista Academy of Visual and Performing Arts is an arts-integrated, International

Baccalaureate (IB) elementary school. With our vision to be the model of educational excellence through an innovative, arts-integrated academic community, we pride ourselves in providing unique learning opportunities based on agency, solving real-world problems, and taking action for positive change. The International Baccalaureate program encourages students around the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners. In our primary years IB program, we aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young students who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

In addition to our inquiry based, internationally-minded focus, our students also participate in specialized weekly classes in Dance, Drama, Music, STEAM, and Spanish from certificated teachers in those areas. Our classroom teachers collaborate with our arts specialists to encourage learning through the arts across the curriculum to reach rigorous state and common core standards. The arts specialists also offer many after school conservatories for students to dive deeper into the arts. Vista Academy's goal is to develop the intellectual, artistic and emotional potential in EVERY child.



Magnet School Descriptions



Middle School Magnets

Vista Magnet Middle School



Vista Magnet Middle School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and a magnet school for STEM education. All students at Vista Magnet participate in the IB program which aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help

create a better world. Students learn through real-world applications and service learning experiences in the IB curriculum, which includes the following subjects each year: Science, Math, Design, Language and Literature, Individuals and Societies, Physical Education, Art, and Spanish. The unique Vista Magnet curriculum and schedule places

extra emphasis on STEM education, with a double period of math and a double period of science every day. Vista Magnet students are well supported to achieve high academic and behavior standards by utilizing the IB Learner Profile for character and whole child development. The Vista Magnet experience is summarized by the four pillars of success: Engage, Achieve, Belong, Design.



VIDA

VIDA means “life” in Spanish, and we take our name to heart by aspiring to be more about the lives of students and who they are than just being “school.” VIDA is short for the Vista Innovation &

Design Academy. We are a magnet middle school that dares to ignite the creative genius of all students by kindling their unique strengths, interests, and values. Our magnet theme of Design is best described as where Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) come crashing together with the Creative Arts. As a design school, we value both the process of design as well as actual product design. While our school is built on creativity, we are built around opportunity for all students. Opportunity serves to engage students in the classes they choose, and while doing actual work in their classes. We also see opportunity as building the skills, mindsets, and dispositions necessary to succeed in the new economy. All of our students receive formal public speaking training and begin to build their own personal brand over three years!

High School Magnet

Mission Vista High School



Mission Vista High School is a dual magnet high school offering unique pathways of study in the areas of Arts & Communication, and Science & Technology. Our programs provide access to a rigorous and relevant education that connects students’ interests to real-world experiences. MVHS offers pathways in each of our dual magnet themes, our robust Career and Technical Education program, as well as a multitude of elective courses in the “core” disciplines. We also offer 13 honors-level and 18 Advanced Placement courses for students.

MVHS operates on an accelerated 4x4 block schedule, in which students are enrolled in eight courses per year--four classes per term. Every term-long course is equivalent to a year-long course at traditional schools. After each term, students are assigned four brand-new courses with new teachers and classmates for the remainder of the school year.

Our unique course offerings and our 4x4 schedule allow us to pursue our mission of being the model of educational excellence through discovery, innovation, and growth by providing opportunities for students to explore their interests in the various course pathways offered to them. All interested students are invited to apply for admission.

Go to www.vistausd.org/departments/student_support_services/magnet_schools for more information.