

Mission

Vista Middle School is uncompromisingly committed to high academic standards while cultivating a positive environment, promoting character, leadership and the well-being of our learning community.

Values and Beliefs

Vista Middle School believes that we will:

- Maintain high expectations for our students and staff
- Value all students and teachers as active participants and learners
- Provide a supportive environment that encourages parent involvement
- Instill a desire for learning and promote academic success for our diverse learning community
- Stay abreast of best practices and teach the agreed upon curriculum

“Music technology is a fun way to learn music and endorses music in your life.” —Jacob H., 8th grade student

☑“In music tech, I learned of more types of music. Mr. Matthews is the best teacher ever!!!” —Connor O., 7th grade student

“The best thing about Music Tech is Mr. Matthews because he’s not just a teacher but he is a friend.” —Kharisma G., 6th grade student.

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School Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

School Lunch

6th grade: 11:08-11:38 a.m.

7th grade: 11:42 a.m.-12:12 p.m.

8th grade: 12:16-12:46 p.m.

Students can choose from the food cart, a quick meal or a hot meal from the cafeteria. They can pay cash, or parents can put money in a student’s MyLunchMoney account at the school. Payment options include free, reduced price meals: 40¢, full price student meal: \$1.70, adult meal: \$2.75

School Site

Vista Middle School was built in 1988. Including playing fields, it occupies 19.4 acres on north Elks Drive.

A \$2 million renovation project was completed at the end of 2011 that included the remodeling of Vista’s kitchen, faculty lounge and restrooms.

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Home of the Eagles

An Outstanding Middle School
with a World-Class
Music Technology
Magnet Program

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Music Technology Magnet Program

Vista offers a Music Technology magnet program open to incoming sixth-grade students.

Students in the magnet program are required to participate in band, choir or orchestra for the three years they are in middle school. They will receive three semesters of music technology, along with one semester each of an introduction to computers (in sixth grade), physical education (seventh grade) and a technology lab (eighth grade).

Vista's Music Technology magnet offers:

- Progressive curriculum from beginning to advanced music theory
- Ear training
- Sound editing
- Midi wave and MP3 recording
- Beginning to advanced composition
- Video editing
- Software: Essentials of Music Theory, Cool Edit Pro, Cakewalk Home Studio, Sibelius, Sony Vegas, Cubase, Audacity, Garageband

Vista Middle School Music Technology Magnet Program FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should my child choose the Vista Middle School magnet program?

Vista's Music Technology magnet program opens students to the incredible world of music, music theory and composition, as they learn how to create and record their own music.

What special equipment and/or facilities does your school provide for attendees?

Vista's music technology lab consists of piano keyboards and computers that support an independent, self-paced music theory program. The lab also has a high-tech recording studio for students to create their own original pieces.

What awards or honors have your students or teachers or programs received?

Many of our students have received honors at All-City and All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra. Also, our students have done well at the solo and ensemble competitions. One of our students won a Hey, Mozart! New Mexico young composer award. Another student made the high school All-State Orchestra as an eighth grader.

What is the maximum number of students allowed in the program each year?

250

Must students exhibit musical talent or ability before acceptance into the magnet program at Vista Middle School?

No

How do students apply for the magnet program?

LCPS has a district-wide lottery process for incoming sixth-grade students interested in any magnet program. Vista and other magnet schools conduct annual open houses (which include magnet program information), for incoming sixth graders and their parents in late January. Magnet program applications are due in early February. The lottery takes place in mid-February.

Contact the LCPS Office of Instruction for information about applications and the lottery process at 527.6628 or 6690.

May students outside the Vista school attendance zone attend Vista to participate in the Music Technology magnet program?

Yes

Will bus transportation be provided for out-of-district students to the magnet program at Vista?

Yes

Who can I contact for more information?

Any counselor or administrator can answer all magnet-related questions. Simply call the office at 575-527-9465 for more information.