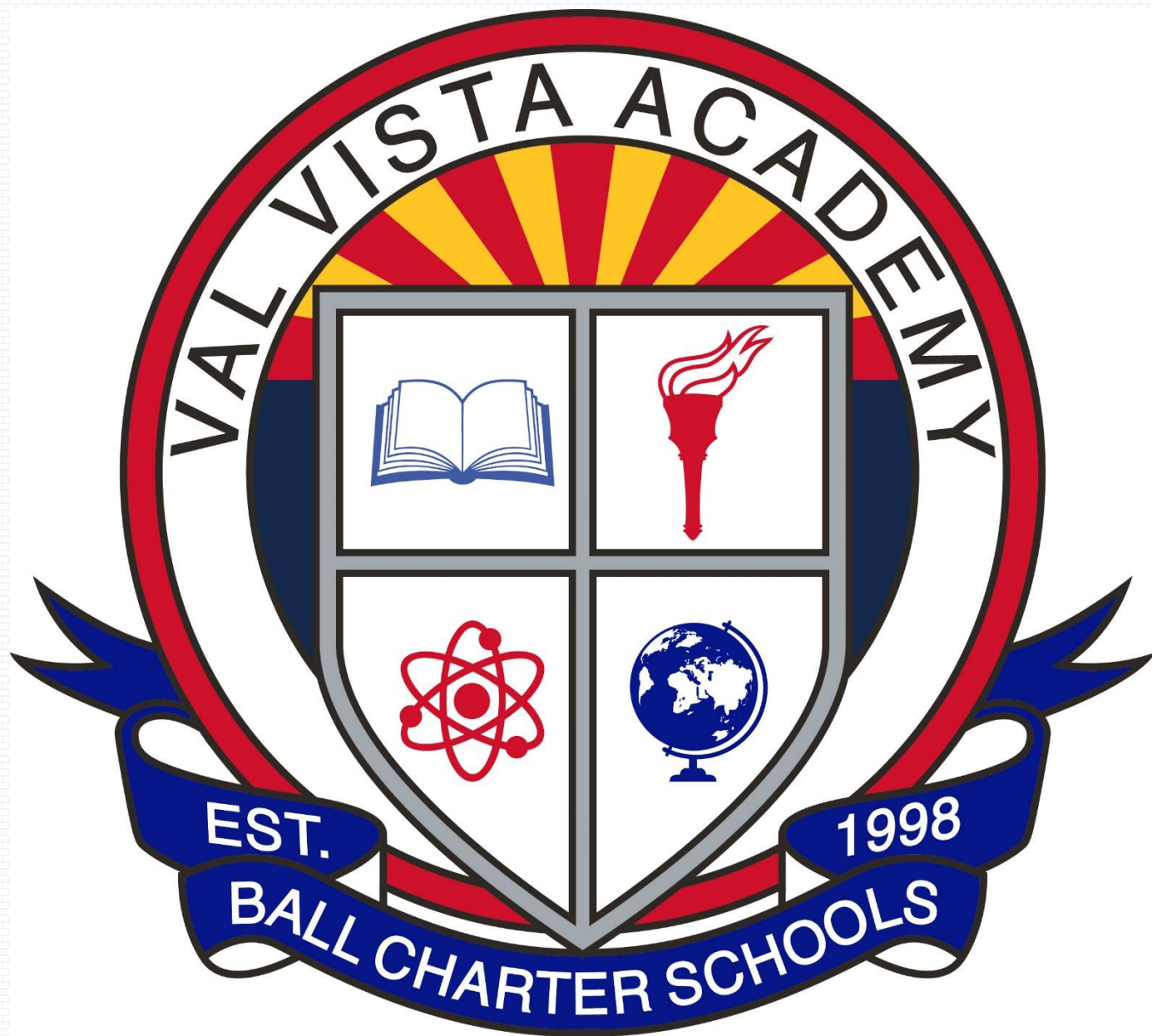
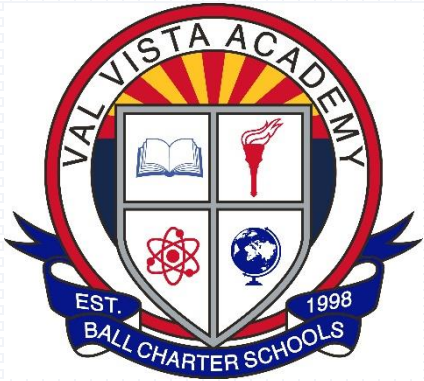


Val Vista
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Mission Statement

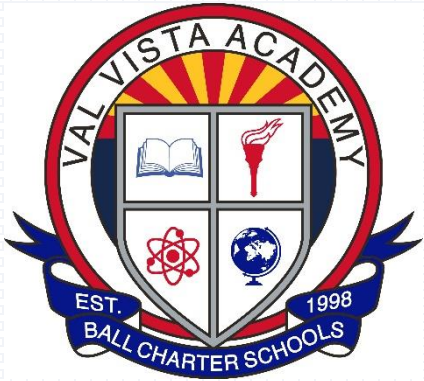
Arizona Ball Charter Schools provide a personalized education to all students emphasizing comprehensive academic excellence in a safe, nurturing environment through partnering parents, students and staff.

Growing Every Child's Potential



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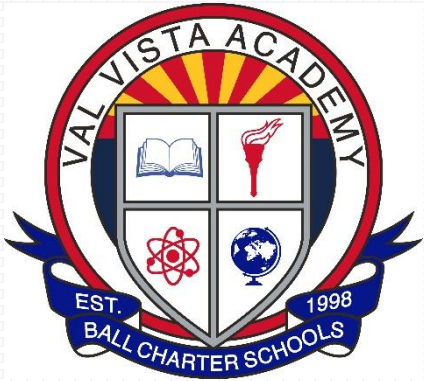


Parent and Family Engagement Plan

What is Family Engagement?

Family Engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
- The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in [Section 1116](#) of the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#)



About Parent and Family Engagement Plan

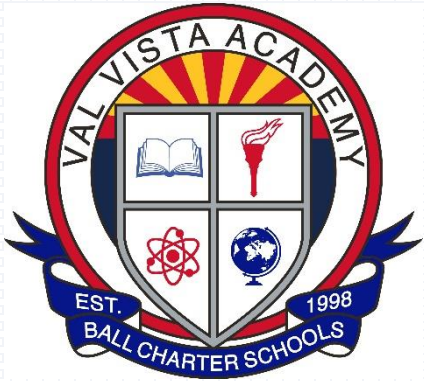
In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Val Vista Academy (Ball Charter Schools) has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes the school's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement. It describes Val Vista Academy's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and builds the capacity of its Title I school to succeed in reaching the school and student academic achievement goals.



About the Parent and Family Engagement Plan

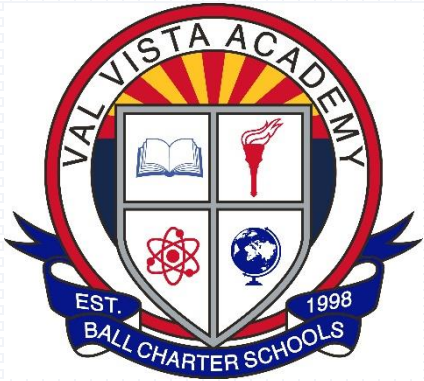
When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and enjoy school more.

Title I, Part A provides for substantive family engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. **Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve parents and family members in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1116, Val Vista Academy will work to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement plans meet the requirements of Section 1116(b) and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with Section 1116(d) of the ESSA.



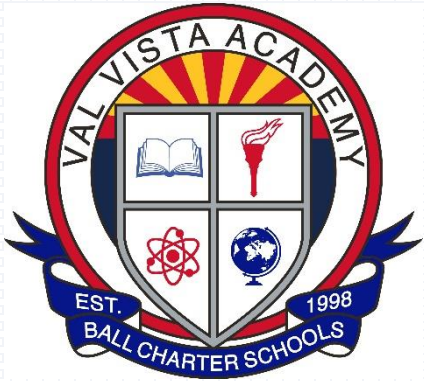
Jointly Developed

- During the year, all parents are invited to participate and provide suggestions and ideas to improve the Val Vista Academy parent and family engagement plan for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The school uses social media, district and school websites, emails, public board on site, and flyers to inform parents about the meetings.
- During the meetings, parents also review the Integrated Action Plans (IAPs) and are invited to provide input on developing the district (LIAP) and school (SIAP) improvement plans.



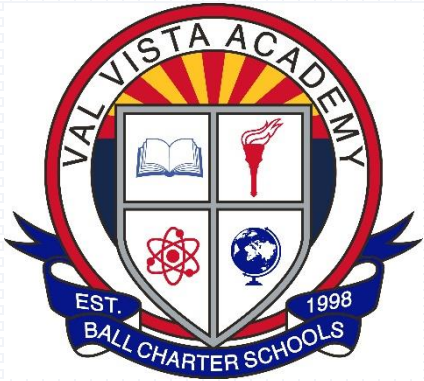
Jointly Developed

- Upon final revision, the parent and family engagement plan is incorporated into the IAPs, which are submitted to the state. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan at any time on the district website or in writing to Val Vista Academy or the Board.
- All feedback received by March 13, 2020, is included with the plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The district parent and family engagement plan is posted on the district and school websites and distributed during the annual beginning of the year Meet the Teacher and Title I school meetings held prior to September 1, 2020. The plan is included in the Title I section of the Parent and Family Handbook that is available on the school's website or in paper copy by request.



Strengthening Our School

- The school utilizes a parent organization (V.I.P.) and Site Council to support family and community engagement. A Community Development Coordinator and V.I.P. will provide technical assistance and coordinate family engagement activities with the school or school representative to ensure standards are being satisfied and that processes and activities are implemented and evaluated.
- In addition, the Community Development Coordinator and parent organization will hold frequent meetings with the principal and review family engagement plans; learn and discuss strategies to increase family and community engagement; and develop effective forms of two-way communication.
- The school collaborates with other local schools and organizations to engage parents and family members effectively in education.



Reservation of Funds

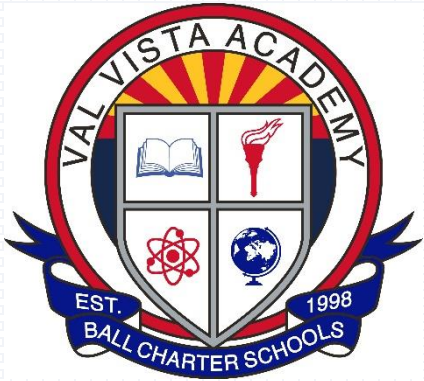
- Val Vista Academy reserves one percent from the total amount of Title I funds it receives for 2020-2021 to carry out the parent and family engagement requirements consistent with this plan and as described in Section 1116 of the ESSA. Clear guidance and communication has been provided to assist this Title I school in developing an adequate family engagement budget that addresses the needs assessment and parent recommendations.
- In the spring, parents will provide input via survey that will help determine how the 1% required family engagement funds will be used in the upcoming year at the school. Survey results and stakeholder input forms are reviewed to determine areas of need for the upcoming school year and consider changes to the family engagement budget.



Opportunities for Meaningful Parent Input

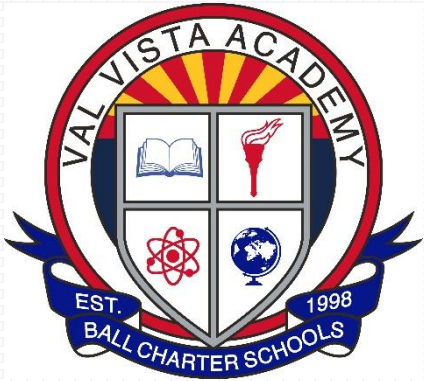
Input and suggestions from parents and family members are an essential component of the school improvement plans that are developed each year.

- All parents of students eligible to receive Title I services are invited to attend two meeting opportunities described in this section to share their ideas and suggestions on decisions to help the schools, and students to reach our student academic achievement goals.
- Notices regarding the meetings are made available to all parents in advance of the meetings. The school also communicates information regarding these input meetings on the public boards at the school site, in social media, and on the website. Family and Community Engagement public meeting will be hosted in March each year.



Opportunities for Meaningful Parent Input

- The school will host a forum for parents, family members, and stakeholders to participate in discussions to review the schoolwide plan, school parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact as well as provide input on the family engagement budget and program activities. VVA will share information in a variety of forums to notify parents and family members about the date and time of the forum. Information regarding the meeting will also be made available on our school website.
- Unable to attend these meetings? Please visit our school site to review the meeting documents and minutes and leave your input.
- Call 480-656-5555 for more information.



Building Capacity of Families and Staff

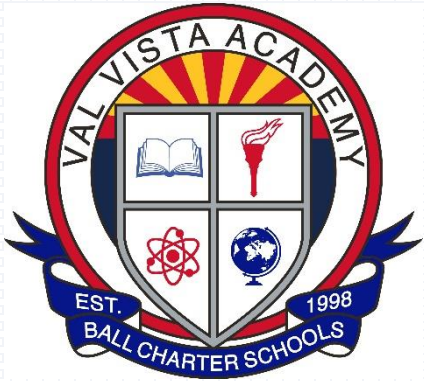
Val Vista Academy will build school and parent capacity for strong family engagement to ensure effective involvement of family members and the community as equal partners to improve student academic achievement through school wide activities and programs.



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SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

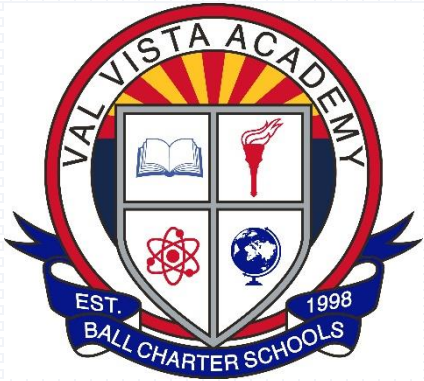
- Val Vista Academy Title I will work to support student success by aiding parents and family members in understanding state and school academic information connected to their children's learning and progress and information regarding the Title I program.
- VVA offers a parent forum, a family engagement model, to help families build upon skills, knowledge and support systems to improve student success. Val Vista Academy offers online resources to parents to gain knowledge about Val Vista Academy, state curriculum and achievement goals, as well as required assessments including alternative forms of assessments. Additional materials are available at our school for those families who may have limited internet access, including resources in Spanish, when needed.



FAMILIES

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

- Val Vista Academy provides resources on the [school website](#) through teacher, student, and parent pages; through [parent/student portals \(currently PowerSchool\)](#), and occasionally via social media that contain a wide variety of resources to help parents work with their children at home.
- Classroom teachers and instructional paraprofessionals assist parents with how to monitor their child's progress using parent portal, the online student information system. Parents will receive information about other digital educational resources.



FAMILIES

SPEAKING UP FOR EVERY CHILD

- To empower parents and community leaders to become advocates for their own and other children, Val Vista Academy has a Site Council made up of parents, teachers, support staff, and school stakeholders. Each are invited to serve on council to share ideas on all matters related to school policies, procedures, and family and community engagement.
- Site Council meetings are open meetings. All are invited to attend.



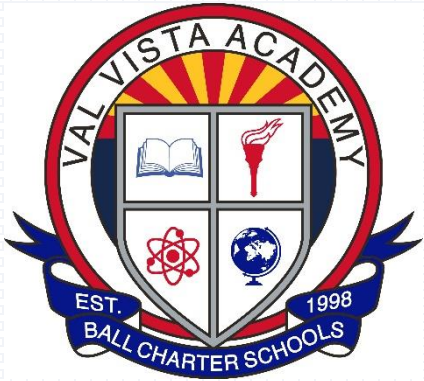
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SHARING POWER

The school is committed to encouraging opportunities for parents and family members to serve as parent leaders by organizing events, volunteering at school, participating in VIP or Site Council, and networking with each other and with the community.

COLLABORATING WITH THE COMMUNITY

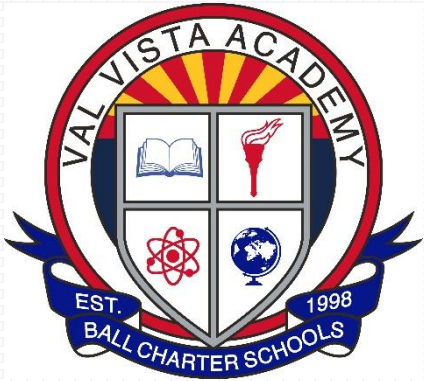
Val Vista Academy will develop resources to expand learning, community service, and civic participation that enhance the school environment.



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WELCOMING ALL FAMILIES

To ensure a smooth transition from one school environment to another for parents of Kindergarten, VVA offers a “Spring Forward” event, typically in April, for families new to the school. Also, Val Vista Academy offers tours year-round during the day to see the instructional and social emotional components of school. Val Vista Academy offers before and aftercare programs as well as a Kinder-Prep (4-year-old) program.



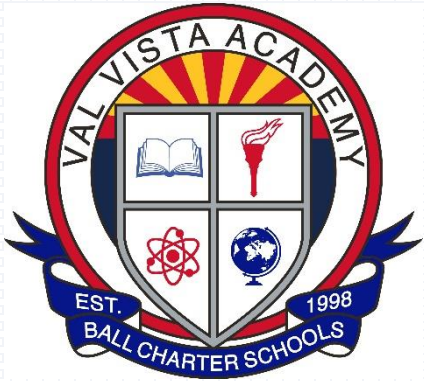
STAFF

- Val Vista Academy will conduct annual and quarterly trainings to discuss strategies to strengthen family engagement and build ties with families and the community.
- To ensure that information related to school and parent programs is available to all families, the school will send home a *Title I Parent and Family Engagement* letter in August . In addition, the schools will distribute information about school policies, programs and activities on the school website, through flyers, newsletters, emails, and social media.



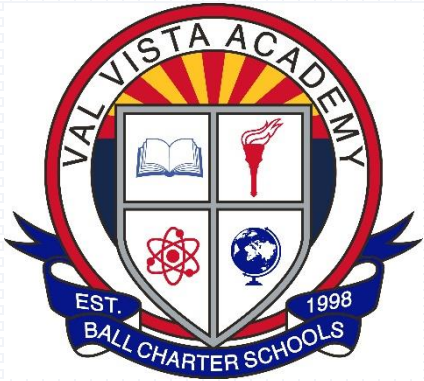
Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation

- Parents are provided opportunities to participate, as equal partners, in the decisions that affect children and families. Val Vista Academy will conduct an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent and family engagement plan and the family engagement activities to improve the academic quality of our Title I school through an annual parent survey and the meeting, parent teacher conferences.
- In Fall and Spring, the school will send home a survey for parents to provide valuable feedback regarding the family engagement activities and programs.
- These surveys will be shared in a variety of forums, including via computers/technology on campus for parents to complete. In addition to the two surveys each year, the school will also use the Site Council to facilitate group discussions to obtain input from parents and to design strategies for more effective family engagement. The school will use the findings from meetings and survey results to implement processes for effective family engagement, to remove possible barriers to parent participation, and to revise parent and family engagement plans.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- For Parents Understanding Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment- August 2020
- Site Council Meetings- Tuesday immediately following BCS Governing Board Meeting
- Bi-Annual Parent Survey October 2020 and March 2021
- Open School Tours- available during instructional day
- V.I.P. (Very Involved Parents) meeting- Monthly after Site Council
- Local school site Volunteer Program- On going
- Building Staff Capacity Early Release Wednesdays- last Wed of the month



ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements established by Section 1116 of the ESSA, the district FEC will communicate and collaborate with school administration. To ensure full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, the school will provide information and school reports in a language parents can understand to the greatest extent possible.



ADOPTION

- The creation, implementation and development of a plan was adopted by Val Vista Academy (Ball Charter Schools) on May 12, 2020. This plan will be in effect for the 2020-2021 academic school year
- The school will distribute this plan in multiple ways to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 1, each year.

Thank you!

