



VISTAS HIGH SCHOOL KLEIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

“A HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF CHOICE”

Application Procedures

Vistas is a “high school program of choice” in the Klein Independent School District.

Any high school student, who has been enrolled in high school for one calendar year, is fifteen years of age and a resident of Klein ISD may apply for admission. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome to be a part of this process, but their participation is not required in order for the application to be considered. Admission to the program is limited and will be by selection only.

The application process includes:

1. Student and parent must complete this written application.
2. School counselor completes counselor information and facilitates gathering information from school registrar and the student’s administrator and teachers.
3. School counselor forwards completed application packet to Vistas.
4. Completed applications must be received at Vistas no later than **Thursday, December 4, 2014.**
5. A Vistas committee will review the written application, home school recommendations, discipline records and attendance records.
6. The committee will determine which students will be called in for a personal interview.
7. Students who are not selected for the interview process will be notified by mail and may reapply in February for **August 2015.**
8. Students who are interviewed will be notified by telephone and invited to Vistas for a personal interview with the committee and their parent(s).
9. When all interviews have been completed the Vistas committee will review all information and determine which students will be eligible to attend Vistas starting **January, 2015.** Students will receive a letter in the mail that will notify them of their enrollment status.
10. Students who are interviewed but not selected may reapply **in February for the August, 2015, year.**

Students who are selected will be expected to attend a “new student orientation” at Vistas in **January.**

Student Oath: I understand that admissions to Vistas is by selection only and is intended to meet the educational needs of students who desire success in a different type of high school setting. I understand that I should not apply unless I have a strong desire to further my education and complete requirements for graduation. It is my choice to be considered for the Vistas High School Program, and if accepted, I will have a positive attitude, be a responsible student, and maintain excellent attendance, punctuality and production of work. I understand that I must follow the Klein ISD Student Code of Conduct rules and all other rules and guidelines pertaining to the Vistas High School Program.

(Student’s Signature)

(Date)

PARENT APPLICATION (Please complete the requested information in legible print.)

Student's Legal Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Nickname)

With whom does the student live? _____ Relationship _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names _____
(Mother/Guardian) (Father/Guardian)

Parents)/Guardian(s) Address

Address _____
(Street Address Must Be Provided) (City) (Zip Code)

Home Telephone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Work Telephone (____) _____ Work Telephone (____) _____
(Mother/Guardian) (Father/Guardian)

For telephone communication parent requires Spanish translator? Yes No

Has your student now or has he/she ever been served in special education? Yes No

Has your student ever been referred to or placed in a discipline alternative education program or expelled?
Yes No

Please respond to the following questions:

Why do you think Vistas is an appropriate school choice for your son/daughter?

What expectations do you have about your son/daughter's experience at Vistas?

If your son/daughter is accepted, what are you able to do to ensure his/her success?

I hereby certify that my son/daughter has permission to enroll once all criteria have been met and he/she has been accepted. I also certify my understanding of the following information:

- Admission to Vistas High School Program is by committee selection only.
- If my son/daughter is not able to pass all TAKS tests, he/she will not receive a high school diploma.
- I will support my child in following Vistas High School program student oath: *I understand that admissions to Vistas is by selection only and is intended to meet the educational needs of students who desire success in a different type of high school setting. I understand that my student should not apply unless he/she has a strong desire to further his/her education and complete requirements for graduation. I understand if my student is accepted, he/she will be expected to have positive attitude, be a responsible student, and maintain excellent attendance, punctuality and production of work. I understand that my student must follow the Klein ISD Student Code of Conduct rules and all other rules and guidelines pertaining to the Vistas High School Program.*

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Vistas Application (Registrar Information)

Student's Legal Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Nickname)

I.D.#: _____

TOTAL CREDITS EARNED TO DATE: _____

LAST DATE OF ATTENDANCE: _____

***** Attach a copy of student's most recent transcript including all grades and test scores.**

Completed by: _____

Position: _____

Campus: _____

Date: _____

Vistas Application (Assistant Principal Information)

Student's Legal Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Nickname)

Has student ever been placed /referred to the DAEP and/or JJAEP? Yes No

If so, date(s): _____

Has student ever been expelled? Yes No

If so, date(s) _____

Reason for expulsion: _____

Do you recommend this student to Vistas? Yes No

Why? _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL AREAS BELOW THAT APPLY TO THE STUDENT:

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never	Not Known
Complies with classroom limits & routines					
Age-appropriate activity level					
Age-appropriate maturity level					
Responds appropriately to praise and correction					
Easily discouraged, gives up when challenged					
Works cooperatively with others					
Accepts responsibility for own actions					

Additional Comments:

Completed by: _____

Position: _____

Campus: _____

Date: _____

Vistas Application (Counselor Information)

Student's Legal Name _____
 (Last) (First) (M.I.) (Nickname)

Grade: _____ I.D. #: _____

Please check all areas that apply to the student:

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never	Not Known
Adapts to new situation					
Age-appropriate maturity level					
Responds appropriately to praise and correction					
Easily discouraged, gives up when challenged					
Accepts responsibility for own actions					

Concerns regarding other areas (please check those that apply)

Drug/Alcohol Use Current drop out Pregnant or parenting
 Disruptive home/family 2 or more grade levels behind Antisocial behavior
 Not likely to graduate in 4 years Chronically unsuccessful in traditional classroom
 Other, please explain: _____

Is this student currently being served in special education? Yes ___ No ___ (if yes, indicate special education classes the student is currently taking) _____

Has the student previously been served in special education? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, in what capacity? _____

Is this student in the process of KSTAT? Yes ___ No ___

Is this student currently being served in the ESL program? Yes ___ No ___
 (If yes, circle status: monitored, waived, ESL sheltered classes.)

Do you recommend this student to the Vistas program? Yes ___ No ___

Why: _____

Who initiated this referral to Vistas? ___ Student ___ Parent ___ School Personnel ___ Other

***** Please attach most recent Confidential Student TAKS report.**

***** Please attach student's Personal Graduation plan.**

***** Please attach any other comments that will help the Vistas Interview Committee make an appropriate determination for this student.**

Completed by: _____ Position: _____

Campus: _____ Date: _____

Vistas Application (TEACHER INFORMATION)

(Please have two teachers complete this form)

Student's Legal Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

Please check all areas that apply to the students:

Complies with classroom limits & routines	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never	Not Known
Stays on task & maintains attention					
Works in an organized manner					
Completes classroom/assignments					
Completes work in a reasonable time					
Good study habits					
Demonstrates initiative to work independently					
Demonstrates participation					
Works cooperatively with others					

Additional Comments:

Completed By: _____ Course Taught: _____

Campus: _____ Date: _____