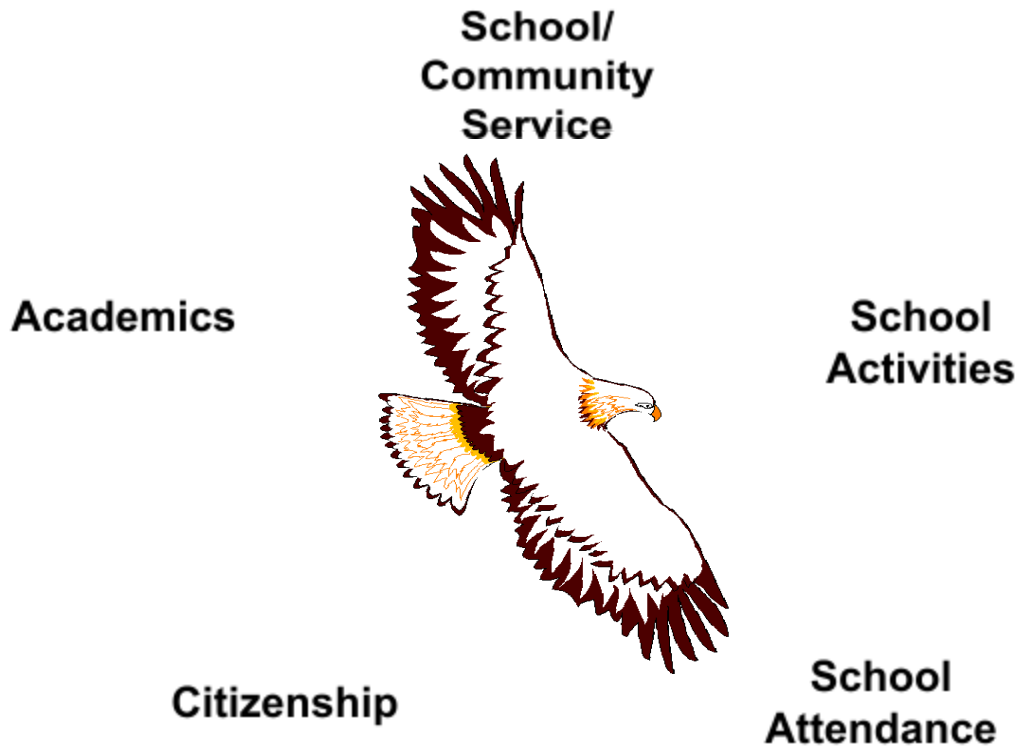


Diablo Vista Middle School
Soaring Eagle Program



Soaring Eagles

Diablo Vista Soaring Eagles are students who volunteer for school and community activities, and participate in extra-curricular activities. They demonstrate excellent academic achievement, attendance, and citizenship. Soaring Eagles use decision-making skills supported by our Advisory Program and exhibit behaviors that exemplify Eagle spirit in our school and community. Members also must participate in all community projects that are sponsored by the group.

Who are the Soaring Eagles?

Benefits of Becoming a Soaring Eagle Include:

- Two or three field trips to Bay Area sites
- Front of the Line Pass
- Assistance in projects to improve the community outside of Diablo Vista
- The pride and satisfaction of helping make Diablo Vista and our community a better place for everyone

Why become a Soaring Eagle?

Eligibility

- You must record at least 30 hours in combined school activities and school/ community service for initial acceptance. You must earn 15 hours for returning members. You can only use a total of 10 hours from one community service opportunity.
- This can include at least 5 hours in school activities and at least 5 hours in school/ community service.
- Each activity and the number of hours credited must be signed off by the sponsor or advisor.
- You must exhibit good behavior and citizenship at all times.
- You must maintain a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher for each grading period. If your G.P.A. falls below 3.0 your Soaring Eagle status will be void until the next grading period that you achieve a 3.0. While status is void, the student is ineligible for Soaring Eagle activities. A grade check is also conducted prior to every trip. Any student with a D or lower or a GPA below 3.0 will not be allowed to attend the trip.
- Attendance problems of any kind or discipline referrals may disqualify a student from the program. Determination will be made by the administration.
- Complete sections I and II of the Soaring Eagle application form first. Once you have earned the number of hours needed in sections I and II, ask each of your teachers for approval of citizenship in section III. Submit the completed form to Mrs. Jensen in the office. Sections IV (attendance) and sections V (academics) will be completed by the office staff. You will be notified of your Soaring Eagle status after your application is reviewed. Sixth graders and students new to DVMS must wait until the end of the first quarter for the official grade check.
- Once you are a Soaring Eagle, your membership is valid for the current school year, as long as you maintain the academic and behavior requirements. To qualify for the following school year, you must earn at least 15 more hours from

school activities and school/ community service (5 hours minimum in each area). Students may use hours earned during the summer.

How do I become a Soaring Eagle?

Earning Credit

Section (I) School Activities: Participation in school related activities beyond class time. Activities earn hourly credit with a maximum of 10 hours per activity.

Examples include:

- Participation on a school sports team.
- Joining and becoming active in a school club.
- Taking part in an after school PTSA or Town of Danville sponsored event.
- Participation in activities sponsored by the Leadership class.
- Serving as an advisory representative to the Student Council.

Section (II) School/ Community Service: Volunteer service to school or community for which **no other credit or pay is received**. Service is credited hourly with a maximum of 10 hours per activity.

Examples include:

- Tutoring other students in Diablo Vista.
- Serving as a guide for new students and families.
- Helping at a PTSA function.
- Gardening or yard work for senior citizens.
- Volunteering at a senior citizens center.
- Volunteering at a local food bank or family shelter.
- Being a volunteer childcare provider during a PTSA function or community or church activity.
- Helping teachers or office staff after school.
- Volunteering for school or community clean-up days.
- Participating in Scout activities **not** required for a badge.
- Volunteering at an animal shelter.
- There is also a list of virtual opportunities linked to our Soaring Eagles page on the DVMS website.

Diablo Vista Middle School

Soaring Eagle Application

Name _____

Grade _____

Advisory Teacher _____

New ____ Returning ____

Instructions:

1. Complete Section I and II first. Gather signatures for school activities and school/ community service as you complete them.
2. Once you have earned the number of hours needed in Sections I and II, ask each of your teachers for approval of citizenship in Section III.
3. Submit the completed application to Mrs. Jensen in the front office. Sections IV (attendance) and Section V (academics) will be completed by the office staff. You will be notified of you status after the application has been reviewed in one to two weeks.

Section I:

School Activity	Hours	Sponsor/ Advisor Signature
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Section II:

School/ Community Service	Hours	Sponsor/ Advisor Signature
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Section III Citizenship:

Periods	Subject	Teacher	Teacher Signature
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
Advisory			

Section IV Academics:

Soaring Eagles must earn and maintain a 3.0 or better G.P.A. for each grading period. School office staff will verify this information and complete the required signature below.

Office Approval

Section V Attendance:

Absences from school must be legally excused and independent study contracts need to be completed as described in the school handbook. School office staff will verify this information and complete the required signature below.

Office Approval

