



Exceptional Senior Year Program

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Big Picture South Burlington engages students and their families in the educational process. As a result, our application is designed to seek information from the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s). We want to learn about your reasons for choosing the Big Picture Program. The application will assist us in learning about your interests and needs through your perspective and that of your parent(s)/guardian(s). It will also assist us in insuring that what we're offering is consistent with what you're looking for. Please be sure to answer the questions honestly – you will not be denied admission because of difficulties you've had in the past. Honest self-awareness is a key trait for success in Big Picture, so we want to see your honest self-reflection around successes as well as challenges. Thanks for your interest in applying!

Kevin Downey

Program Coordinator

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Application Process:

Step One: Complete this application and sign your essay page.

Step Two: Return the completed application to kdowney@sbschools.net or Kevin Downey's physical mailbox. Priority deadline is Friday, March 10th – Rolling applications after that.

(Kevin Downey, South Burlington High School, 550 Dorset ST, South Burlington, VT 05403)

Step Three: An interview will be set up with Big Picture staff, the prospective student, and parents.

Step Four: Students and parents will be notified of admission decision and given any additional information required to make a decision of whether to enroll in Big Picture South Burlington.

Contact Information:

Student:

Current Grade:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Counselor:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Name:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Name:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:



Tell Us About Yourself and Your Interest in the Exceptional Senior Program

Short Answer Questions:

1. Describe your ideal senior year. Include ideas for internships, college level courses, and projects.
2. Describe a challenge that you have encountered and what you learned from it.

Essays:

1. Big Picture South Burlington’s Exceptional Senior Program emphasizes student choice and responsibility in learning, so you will make many choices about your work and time. BPSB also emphasizes being part of a small, democratic school community, where you are part of making decisions about the school and are well-known by your teachers and peers. Having this voice and responsibility in your learning and community is an opportunity and a challenge. Given this, explain why you want to pursue your learning through BPSB and what challenges you anticipate.
2. The Exceptional Senior Program is designed for motivated, passionate, independent learners. Explain to us why you fit this description. Be sure to include evidence from your past experiences and accomplishments.

References:

Include names and contact information of two teachers (or other staff) with whom we can speak about your application.

I agree to take responsibility in developing and fully participating in the Big Picture Exceptional Senior Program.

Student Signature; _____ Date: _____

Parent Essay

To be completed by Parent or Guardian: Big Picture South Burlington emphasizes student choice and responsibility in learning, so your child will make many choices about her/his work and time. BPSB also emphasizes being part of a small, democratic school community, where your child will be part of making decisions about the school and be well-known by her/his teachers and peers. Having this level of student voice and responsibility in learning and community is an opportunity and a challenge. Given this, explain why you want your child to pursue her/his learning through BPSB and what challenges you anticipate.

I, as parent/guardian, agree to take part in developing and participating in the educational program of my son/daughter throughout his/her experience in the Big Picture Exceptional Senior Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____