



Student Name:

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).

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-reflection is a key trait for success in Big Picture

Thanks for your interest in applying!

Kevin Downey

Program Coordinator

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Application Process:

Step One: Complete this application.

Step Two: Return the completed application to our program coordinator.

- Priority deadline is the Friday before spring break -- Rolling applications after that.
- Program Coordinator contact information:
 - email: kdowney@sbschools.net
 - address: SBHS, 550 Dorset St., South Burlington, VT 05403

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

Step Four: Admission decisions by Big Picture South Burlington and family

Contact Information:

Student:

Current Grade:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

School 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 more about yourself.

To be completed by the student:

What are some of your favorite things to do?

What types of experiences bring out the best in you?

List three activities/hobbies that you've done outside of school that have been most important to you:

Describe a learning experience in which you felt fully engaged:

Give an example of one thing you were proud to learn, and explain how you learned it. (Think broadly – this could include *anything*, from ice skating to planning a perfect party):

Give an example of a challenge you overcame and how you did it:

Include names of **two teachers** (or other school staff) with whom we can speak about your application:

Student Essay

Big Picture South Burlington 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 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.

I, as the student, agree to take responsibility in developing and fully participating in the Big Picture Program provided to me by South Burlington High School for at least one school year.

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 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 Program.

Parent/Guardian:

Date: _____