

2012-2013



Bellevue Big Picture School Application for Admission



Application Requirements:

1. Attend Information Session
2. Complete Application including student and parent essays
3. Sign BP Code of Commitment
4. Submit all materials to Bellevue BP by February 10, 2012

All eligible applications will be placed in the pool. A lottery will be conducted, if necessary, and results posted by Feb 24, 2012.

Submit Applications to:

Bellevue Big Picture School

Attn: Bethany Spinler

14844 SE 22nd Street

Bellevue, WA 98007



A Message to prospective students and parents/guardians:

At the Bellevue Big Picture School our goal is to inspire students to become lifelong independent learners. We aim to empower students to take charge of their learning in order to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to achieve success beyond high school.

We use a multifaceted educational model that works best when students are motivated and accountable for their learning. There are five academic Learning Goals that help students develop problem-solving skills, express themselves creatively, expand their knowledge base, and design projects- all the while challenging themselves with new ideas.

Our internship program, Learning Through Interests, provides a vehicle for connecting real world learning to curriculum. At Bellevue Big Picture, we utilize the internship and mentor relationships to create a full circle of learning through project-based work.

At the Bellevue Big Picture School, we are enrolling families who are looking for a school with a spirit of community. We are looking for students with an appreciation for cultural diversity, willingness to build relationships based on trust, and students who will enrich life with our school and community. I thank you in advance for taking the time to apply to the Bellevue Big Picture School. I encourage you to explore real-world learning with us.

Warm Regards,

Bethany Spinler, Principal



Bellevue Big Picture School - Application for Admission

2012-2013 Academic Year

For district residents and district employees, ONLY.

Contact: Bethany Spinler, Principal
Phone: 425-456-7800
Email: spinlerb@bsd405.org

Return Application to:
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Attn: Bethany Spinler
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Bellevue, WA 98007

Please read the attached Bellevue Big Picture School Admission Information and the Bellevue School District Open Enrollment calendar so that you are aware of all policies and procedures.

Accepting students for Grades 6,7,9 and 10 for Fall 2012.

Applications Must be Received No Later than February 10, 2012.

Lottery to be held by February 24, 2011

PART A: (Please print all information)

STUDENT NAME: _____ DATE: _____
Last First M.I.

Birthdate: ___/___/___ Male Female Current School: _____ Current Grade: 5th 6th 8th 9th

Indicate services your child receives: ESL Special Education 504 Enrichment Other _____

Parent/Guardian(s) that Student Resides With:

Last First Relationship

Last First Relationship

Residence Address: _____
Street Apt #

City State Zip

Home/ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

- A. Does the applicant reside within the Bellevue School District boundaries? Yes No
(If in doubt, please contact Bellevue School District at 425-456-4200 for clarification. Bellevue Big Picture School reserves the right to verify residency of all applicants.)
- B. If a sibling is currently applying to or attending Bellevue Big Picture School, please provide name: _____
- C. If a parent is an employee of the Bellevue School District, please provide staff ID # and location: _____

My student qualifies for enrollment at Bellevue Big Picture School as a resident within the Bellevue School District boundaries (a minimum of four nights per week). I hereby verify and confirm UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY that the information provided to Big Picture School is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that this application may be rejected if I have omitted or misrepresented any information herein.

Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

PART B: OPTIONAL

Big Picture School will carefully consider the application of each applicant. If Big Picture School receives more applications from qualified applicants than it is able to accept, Big Picture School will consider socioeconomic status, geography, and gender as “plus factors,” if necessary, to achieve diversity among its student body. For example, because Big Picture School is committed to achieving economic diversity among its students, the school will consider eligibility for free and reduced price meals as a “plus factor,” if necessary, until the district free and reduced price meal average is reached. Because Big Picture School is committed to serving students throughout the District, the school will consider the student’s address as a “plus factor,” if necessary, until the four school zone areas (East, West, North, and South) are equally represented. Because Big Picture School is committed to achieving gender diversity among its students, the school will consider gender as a “plus factor,” if necessary, until male and female students in a grade level are equally represented.

Parents may consent to disclose free and reduced price meal eligibility to the district as part of the application process. This consent will be limited to the enrollment process and all information will be held confidential as provided by Federal and State law. Of course, parents may choose not to provide this consent and their applications will be processed without consideration of socioeconomic status.

If your family is eligible for free or reduced price meals and you wish to have this considered as a “plus-factor”, please provide consent below. If you choose not to take advantage of the “plus-factor”, your application will be processed without consideration of socioeconomic status..

I authorize the Bellevue School District to verify that my student is eligible for free or reduced price meals for purposes of the “plus-factor” outlined above. I understand that the District will use this information confidentially, as required by Federal and State law.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PART C: REQUIRED

Information Session

Date of Attendance at Bellevue Big Picture School Information Session: _____
(This is required and will be verified by sign-in log)

PART D: REQUIRED

**Bellevue Big Picture School
Student Code of Commitment**

Bellevue Big Picture School requires students to:

- Participate actively in an internship program up to two days per week each year for all high school students.
- Engage productively in Project-based curriculum.
- Work effectively in diverse, collaborative groups.
- Set and work to achieve goals through a personalized learning plan each quarter.
- Prepare for and participate in student led conferences four times per year.
- Present academic work through frequent public exhibitions and culminating portfolio.
- Engage in the BP advisory program and study curriculum including such topics as anti-bullying, community building, diversity, team-work, goal setting, leadership, study strategies, college exploration, etc.
- Work toward proficiency or beyond with our standards-based grading approach.
- Explore a variety of colleges and career opportunities.
- Stay with their teachers and their advisory class for the duration of middle school or high school.

Bellevue Big Picture High School students demonstrate:

- Personal independence and social responsibility.
- Willingness to explore new ideas.
- Self-control and self-direction.
- Commitment to making a positive impact on the school learning environment and broader community.
- Punctual attendance.
- Professional etiquette.
- Responsible decision-making.
- Ability to work with and receive feedback from others.
- Good communication and time-management skills.
- Ability to navigate Metro transportation.
- A strong desire to learn.

Students exhibiting a pattern of failure of honoring these commitments will result in varied interventions up to and including a mutual discussion about the appropriateness of placement at this choice school.

I acknowledge that I play a key role in my success at Bellevue Big Picture School and I will work each day to help myself and my fellow students achieve their best potential. If I am unsure of any aspect of my commitments I will discuss it with a BBP faculty member.

STUDENT (*Printed name*) _____

(*Signature*) _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN (*Printed name*) _____

(*Signature*) _____ **DATE** _____

PART F: REQUIRED

WHO ARE YOU? Tell us about yourself.

To be completed by the student:

1. What is your favorite thing to do and why?

2. Tell us about a difficult time in your life from which you've learned a valuable lesson.

3. If you could change one thing about school, what would it be?

4. How would your classmates describe you?

5. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you or your dreams/goals for life?

PART G: REQUIRED

Expectations for Big Picture Parents/Guardians

At Bellevue Big Picture School, staff seek to partner closely with parents/guardians in order to maximize student learning. We strive to involve families in many facets of their child's educational program and, as such, have the following expectations.

As a parent/guardian of a Big Picture student, I will do my best to:

- Attend all 4 of my child's learning plan/exhibitions each year.
- Attend at least one whole school community function (Curriculum Night, Community Lunch, PTSA family event, and end-of-year celebration.)
- Keep regular communication with my child's advisor.
- Help with and monitor my child's work at home each day.
- Make sure my child gets to school on time each day.
- Report any changes in address or phone number immediately to the office.
- Review the school policies and procedures with my child.
- Work collaboratively with school staff to support my student's success.

Parent or Guardian, please explain why you want your son/daughter to attend the Bellevue Big Picture School. What is it about this model of education that makes you believe this is best for your child?

I, as a parent/guardian, agree to take part in developing and participating in the educational program of my son/daughter throughout his/her school career.

PARENT/GUARDIAN (*Printed name*) _____

Signature) _____ **Date)** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN (*Printed name*) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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