



LaFayette Big Picture School  
Student Application



## A Message to Prospective Parents and Students:



At the LaFayette Big Picture School, our goal is to inspire students to become life-long 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 multi-faceted educational model that works best when students are motivated and are 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 while challenging themselves with new ideas.

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

At our Big Picture School, we enroll families. We look for those with a spirit of community, an appreciation for cultural diversity, willingness to

build relationships based on trust and those who will enrich life within our school environment.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to apply to the LaFayette Big Picture School; I encourage you to come explore real world learning with us.

Best Regards,  
Susan Osborn  
Big Picture Principal



# The Big Picture Learning Goals:

## Empirical Reasoning

“How do I prove it?”

This goal is to think like a scientist: to use empirical evidence and a logical process to make decisions and to evaluate hypotheses. It does not reflect specific science content material, but instead can incorporate ideas from physics to sociology to art theory.

## Quantitative Reasoning

“How do I measure, compare or represent it?”

This goal is to think like a mathematician: to understand numbers, to analyze uncertainty, to comprehend the properties of shapes, and to study how things change over time.

## Communication

“How do I take in and express ideas?”

This goal is to be a great communicator: to understand your audience, to write, to read, to speak and listen well, to use technology and artistic expression to communicate, and to be exposed to another language.

## Social Reasoning

“What are other people’s perspectives on this?”

This goal is to think like a historian or anthropologist: to see diverse perspectives, to understand social issues, to explore ethics, and to look at issues historically.

## Personal Qualities

“What do I bring to this process?”

This goal is to be the best you can be: to demonstrate respect, responsibility, organization, leadership, and to reflect on your abilities and strive for improvement.

# Application for Admission:

Full Name:				
Address:				
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:		
Email Address:				
<b>Sex:</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>Male</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>Female</b>		<b>Date of Birth:</b> ____/____/____		
Do you have a Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504? <input type="radio"/> <b>YES*</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>NO</b>				
*If yes, please be sure to attach a copy of your last IEP.				
What grade are you currently enrolled in?		What school year did you/will you start your first time in 9th grade?		
Applicant Lives with: Please Check	Both Parents	Mother	Father	Legal Guardian

Full Names of Parent/Guardian the student Lives with:

Name	Relationship	Phone Number(s)
Name	Relationship	Phone Number(s)
In Case of an Emergency, contact:		
Name	Relationship	Phone Number(s)
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**Student Essay for Admission:**

**To be completed by the student:** Please explain why you want to attend the Big Picture School. Your responses will help us learn more about you as a student.

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I, as the student, agree to take responsibility in developing and fully participating in the educational program provided to me by the Big Picture School throughout my high school career.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

**To be filled out by students:**

What is your favorite thing to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your favorite word? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about a difficult time in your life from which you have learned a valuable lesson. \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about a time when you were a leader. \_\_\_\_\_

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How would your classmates describe you? \_\_\_\_\_

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List 3 activities/hobbies that you have done outside of school that are important to you: \_\_\_\_\_

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Imagine it is four years from now and you are graduating from the LaFayette Big Picture School--what plans do you have for the future? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent Essay

To be completed by the Parent/Guardian: Please explain why you want your son or daughter to attend the LaFayette Big Picture School. Make sure to tell us why you think the Big Picture school is the best option for your child.

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I, as the parent/guardian, agree to take responsibility in developing and fully participating in the educational program provided to my son/daughter throughout his/her high school career.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All application materials should be sent to:  
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LaFayette, New York 13084

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[sosborn@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:sosborn@lafayetteschools.org)

**Non-resident students eligible for consideration for acceptance in the Big Picture School are committed to attending school as expected, setting and meeting their learning plan goals, earning the required number of Carnegie units per year, meeting the requirements for internships, adhering to the Code of Conduct, fully participating in their learning, and other such expectations as arise in the course of a school year. The LaFayette administration reserves the right to make qualitative judgements about a potential student's ability to meet all requirements and to determine whether or not the applicant's acceptance would be in the best interest of the district, in keeping with Board of Education policy #7132.**

We will continue to accept applications until all openings are filled. After all vacancies are filled, we will place students on an active waiting list for the current academic year. To be placed on the waiting list, a completed application must be received.