



Central Vermont Big Picture Academy of Rochester High School

We are pleased to introduce Central Vermont Big Picture Academy of Rochester High School. This program is part of a nationwide network of schools called Big Picture Learning. The philosophy of Big Picture Learning is “one student at a time.” Each student and their family develop a learning plan that is relevant to the students’ interests and prepares them for college or other post-secondary options. Each student also has an advisor who works closely with the student to develop and implement the learning plan. Students pursue their learning in the real world with internships and projects connected to a mentor in the greater community. The Big Picture Learning design has been proven effective over the past 15 years, and is in over 70 schools across the country and around the world.

Central Vermont Big Picture Academy (CVBPA) of Rochester High School is located on Route 100 in Rochester, VT. The pilot year of CVBPA, 2010-2011, began with twelve students in grades 9-12 in one advisory. The students have the opportunity to take one or two classes within the traditional Rochester High School schedule, and then actively participate in shadow days and internships in the local community, developing and completing independent projects based on the students’ interests, and engaging in advisory activities focused on the Big Picture Learning Goals. Big Picture students must meet the graduation requirements of Rochester High School, but the opportunities for how they meet these requirements are endless. Relevance, Relationships, and Rigor are the three central themes of Central Vermont Big Picture Academy.

“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.”

-W.B. Yeats

If you would like additional information about Central Vermont Big Picture Academy please feel free to contact Andy West-CVBPA Director.

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