

**BIG PICTURE PROGRAM**



**KEN-TON BIG PICTURE PROGRAM  
STUDENT APPLICATION**

# A MESSAGE TO PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND STUDENTS



At the Ken-Ton Big Picture Program, 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 Program, we utilize the internship and mentor relationship to create a full circle of learning through project-based work.

At our Big Picture Program, we enroll families.

We look for those with a spirit of community, and 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 Ken-Ton Big Picture Program. I encourage you to come explore real world learning with us.

Best regards,

Robin B. Zymroz,  
Assistant Superintendent of  
Instruction and Student Services

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION:

<b>Full Name:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>Home Phone:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>		
<b>Sex: Male</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>Female</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>Date of Birth:</b> ____/____/____	<b>Social Security #:</b> We ask for this because it is needed for the Work Keys testing.
Do you have an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) or a 504 Plan: YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		
What grade are you currently enrolled in?		What school year did you/will you start your first time in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade?
Applicant lives with: (Please check one) Both Parents: <input type="radio"/> Legal Guardian: <input type="radio"/> Mother only: <input type="radio"/> Father only: <input type="radio"/>		

Full names of Parent/Guardian the student lives with:

Name	Relationship	Phone Number
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In case of emergency, contact:

Name	Relationship	Phone Number
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## STUDENT ESSAY FOR ADMISSION:

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

**Please print student name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Program throughout my high school career.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# WHO ARE YOU? TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

**To be filled out by students. Please print student name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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 participated in 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 Ken-Ton Big Picture Program--what plans do you have for the future?

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# 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 deadline for the 2017-2018 school year:  
Please submit application on or before May 19, 2017**

All application materials should be sent to:

Ken-Ton Big Picture Program

155 Delaware Rd.

Buffalo, New York 14217

Attn: Anne Blenk, Program Coordinator

Phone: 716-874-8403 ext. 32337

Fax: 716-874-8650

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.