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- What is a Big Picture School?
- Traditional High School vs. Two Rivers Big Picture School
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- Class Schedule
- Student Testimonials
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What is a Big Picture School?

- Student-driven, real-world learning with competency-based instruction
- Students develop problem-solving skills and self-confidence through taking ownership of their learning plans
- Real-world work experiences through internships at local businesses with mentors as role models
- Interest-based projects for authentic and engaging learning
- Learning is demonstrated through portfolios and exhibitions to meet competencies
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Example Empirical Reasoning Competency

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- I can analyze evidence to construct and refine explanations or arguments focused on literary or non-literary texts.
- I can evaluate the relevance and authenticity of sources.
- I can synthesize information from multiple and diverse sources of subjects under investigation.
- I can analyze and critique a variety of research sources across subject areas.
- I can synthesize information from multiple sources to check for discrepancies or corroborate facts.
- I can identify questions or areas in need of research.
- I can identify words or concepts I do not understand.
- I can recognize various information sources: media, novels, short stories, articles, research papers, websites, and plays.
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Two Rivers Big Picture School's Relationship with Mount Si High School

TRS Students can participate in MSHS
- Sports
- Clubs
- Electives (such as)
  - Welding
  - Cooking
  - Art
  - Choir
  - Graphic Design
- Dances
- Lunch locations
## Two Rivers School Class Schedule

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### Internships

- Students participate in informational interviews, shadow days, and internships
  - Advisors and Internship Coordinator provide support
  - Student arranges internships with mentors
- Mentors provide support to the student at the internship
  - Advisors check-in with mentors
  - Student, advisor, and mentors work together to develop a project
- Transportation is the responsibility of the student
  - Students walk, bike, take a bus, or have a parent transport them to their sites
- We have partnered with over 100 area businesses over the past three years.
Internships

- NW Railway Museum
- Elementary schools
- Snoqualmie Police
- North Bend Senior Center
- Pro Ski Shop
- Mt Si Nursery
- Encompass
- Remlinger Farms
- Issaquah Fish Hatchery
- Black Dog Café
- Imagination Station
- King’s Automotive
- Carousel Gift Shop
- King County
- Mount Si High School
- Treasures in Heaven
- Rancho Laguna’s house
- Transition Learning Center

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Project Clubs and Interest Groups

- Game Design
- Drama
- Art
- Comic Book Design
- Bike Club
- Environmental Sustainability
- Life-cycle of Salmon

Students may participate in IMSHS clubs/sports/activities

Student Testimonials

- There is a strong sense of community and camaraderie among the students and the advisors/staff
- Two Rivers feels like a very safe and comfortable space that is very welcoming and accepting of all those who choose to attend
- The school environment is more relaxed and flexible
- Small student to teacher ratios creating a more meaningful connections between students and their advisors
- The internship program is about creating your own learning path from what interests you
- Two Rivers is all about exploring your interests and pursuing your passions in a way that matters to you and that allows you to learn about what you individually want to learn about.
- Your learning can come from anything, anywhere, all of the time - so go discover it!
Frequently Asked Questions

Does attending Two Rivers Impact a student’s college options?
Answer: Students earn a competency-based transcript through Mastery Transcript. TRS transcript does not include a grade point average. Many colleges and universities have embraced the project based learning approach. TRS has a counselor available to help students and families navigate options and work closely with colleges through the application process.

Does Two Rivers work for struggling students or those who qualify for special education services?
Answer: It depends on the student. Many students appreciate they are not confined to a series of classrooms and do not have traditional homework or exams; however, Two Rivers requires students to control their own learning, time, organization and projects. Students who have trouble staying on task and managing time often find Two Rivers challenging.

Without exams or most grades, how do you know what students are learning?
Answer: Students must present their completed work, design process and research in front of a panel of parents, teachers, mentor and other students twice a hear at “exhibitions.” Students submit projects and evidence for evaluation using an online management system. The student’s advisor assesses the work and assign competencies. Students must meet all competencies in order to graduate.

How do you ensure that students receive a comprehensive education in specific core-subject content?
Answer: The required academic courses are math and english/language arts plus two other choice courses. Two Rivers competencies embed the same skills and learning targets that are important in a comprehensive schools and Common Core State Standards. Students at Two Rivers demonstrate mastery of these skills through learning that is relevant to their own lives, not through curriculum directed by a teacher.

Tell me more about college admissions...

- Mastery Transcript Consortium for transcripts
- Big Picture is recognized nationally, and students from Big Picture schools go to colleges worldwide
- 2021-2022 School Year Stats
  - 6 admissions and 1 waitlist to universities
  - 1 admission into an honors college program
Next Steps for Fall 2023

- Application window open 12/1/2023 through 2/10/2023
  - Lottery will be held on 2/13/2023 if we have more applicants than available seats
- Second round of applications (if seats are available) will be accepted through 4/7/2023
  - Second round lottery will be held on 4/7/2023 at 3 pm
- After 4/7/2023, applications will be processed as received as space is available

TRS Teachers & Staff

Charlie Kinnune
History Teacher
9th Grade Advisor
Wellness Club
Museum Cataloging Project

Joe Burgener
English Teacher
9th Grade Advisor
Bike Club
Creek Restoration Project

David Ramseyer
Science Teacher
11/12th Grade Advisor
Game Club
Game Design Project

Rachel Combs
Special Education Teacher
IEP Case Manager

Lisa Brawn
School Based Counselor

Jennifer Becker
Administrative Assistant/Head Secretary

Catherine Fredenburg
TRS Principal

Jayna Y steboe
Math Teacher
9th Grade Advisor
Art Club
Drama Project

Chrissy Riley
Internship Coordinator
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