



Independent School Categories

Vermont statutes and State Board of Education rules authorize establishment of approved, recognized and distance learning independent schools, approved tutorials and approved educational programs

Approved Independent Schools

Ninety-five approved independent schools operate in Vermont. They have varying educational philosophies and address a variety of student needs. Approved independent schools choose which grades they will serve and whether they will serve the general educational population only or the general and special educational population in one or more disability categories. Approved independent schools can receive tuition from public funds.

Obtaining approved status requires a school to submit a written application and undergo an on-site approval visit and review of the school's organization, curriculum, facilities, staff qualifications, student health and safety, and financial qualifications.

Recognized Independent Schools

Thirty-eight recognized independent schools operate in Vermont. Recognized independent schools file an annual enrollment notice through which the Commissioner of Education obtains information about the school's objectives, operating schedule, curriculum, assessment procedures and student demographics. Recognized independent schools may not receive tuition from public funds.

Facts about Admissions

Bridge School is a Vermont independent, state-approved K-6 elementary school.

For kindergarten, children must be 5 by September 1.

Applications received by March 1st are considered first. After that we consider applications as they arrive. We will consider mid-year students if there is an opening.

2012-2013 school year tuition is \$8,480. We have a scholarship program for those who have financial need.

Because Bridge School is an Approved Independent School with the State of Vermont, it can receive public funds, including tuition paid by towns which do not have their own schools, whose children go to other elementary schools in the state.





Bridge School

Student Application 2012-2013

Bridge School does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion or disability in its admissions, scholarships and staffing.

Child's name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Grade applying for K 1 2 3 4 5 6

Home address _____

Phone _____

Child's present school (or childcare situation)

Are parents? separated divorced

Is either parent deceased? No Father Mother

Student lives with

Father Mother Stepfather Stepmother

Other _____

Name of person(s) financially responsible for tuition payments

Would you like information about scholarships? Yes No

Other children in family (names & ages)



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2012-2013

Feel free to use back of sheet to present additional information

Child's name _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Relationship (Mother, Father, Step, etc.) _____

Home address (if different than child)

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Day/work phone _____

Email _____

Employer _____

Position _____

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Child's name _____

In a few sentences, how would you describe your child?

What are your child's specific skills and strengths?

What are your child's specific challenges and needs (please consider them emotionally, physically and academically)?

How does your child learn best?



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Child's name _____

Are there any experiences that have significantly affected your child's life?

What are you looking for in your child's educational experience?

Why do you think Bridge School would be a good fit for your child?

Is there anything else that you want us to know?
