

## What Is Big Picture Learning?

The Big Picture Learning design is a dynamic approach to learning, doing, and thinking that has been changing the lives of students, educators, and entire communities since 1995. All of components of the design are based on three foundational principles: first, that learning must be based on the interests and goals of each student; second, that a student's curriculum must be relevant to people and places that exist in the real world; and finally, that a student's abilities must be authentically measured by the quality of her or his work.

## What is Big Picture High School-Fresno?

Big Picture High School-Fresno, which is currently in development, will be a public charter high school that implements the Big Picture model of Education in Fresno. The school will be student centered, providing college prep coursework that meets the UC "a-g" requirements and community mentorships that are aligned with each student's passion. Students will also have the option to take courses at Fresno City College. For more information on the Big Picture Model, go to [www.bigpicture.org](http://www.bigpicture.org).



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**A College Preparatory  
Charter High School  
That Connects Your Passion  
to Your Education**

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## Big Picture High School- Fresno Program

Big Picture High School-Fresno (BPHSF) believes in the philosophy of serving “one student at a time.” The instructional program will include real-world experiences in an environment of caring and support. Each student will be assigned to an advisor who will be the students primary teacher for all four years of his/her high school experience. Each student will also experience several community internships with an adult mentor who will work with the advisor to make all instruction meaningful in a real-world context. Additionally, students will be able to enroll in courses at Fresno City College and earn both high school and college credit at the same time.

BPHSF is both a college preparatory and a career pathway preparatory high school specifically designed to meet the needs of students who feel disenfranchised because their needs are not being met in the traditional high school programs. This includes students who are capable but bored in school, students who want a smaller learning environment, students who wish a more personalized school experience, and those students who want real-world experiences in the areas of their passion.

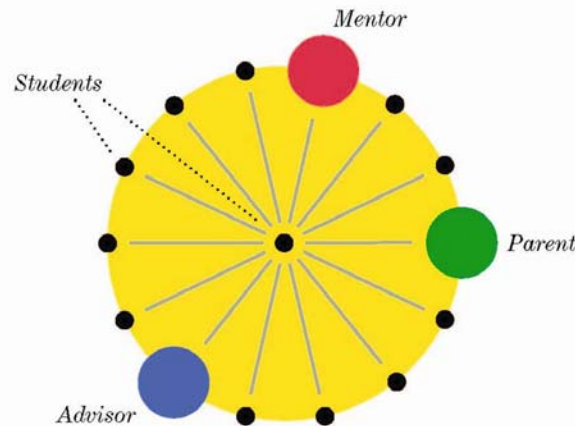
At BPHSF, parents will also be “enrolled” as partners in their student’s education. Parents will help develop the student’s individualized learning plan and be included every step of the way from enrollment to graduation, to college selection and beyond.

BPHSF provides a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment where students can flourish and reach their dreams.

### Here’s Why It Works:

1) **The Advisor** works with the small size class to find what interests and motivates each student. 2) **The Mentor**, a lawyer, engineer, merchant, etc., guides each student’s internship. 3) **The Parent** is actively enrolled as a resource to the Big Picture community. 4) **The Student** (and his fellow students) interact to reinforce each other’s passion for real work in the real world. The result is a self-teaching community of learners where no one feels left-out, and each helps motivate the other.

### Student as the Center of Learning



### How Do I Find Out More?

We are currently recruiting students who will be in the 9th or 10th grade for the 2009-10 school year. If you feel that BPHS-Fresno may be a *School of Choice* for you and you want more information, please fill-out the Student Interest Form and mail it to us at the address on the form. We will contact you and arrange for you to attend a comprehensive presentation about our school.

### Other California Big Picture High Schools vs. Local District Schools

Oakland	BP %	Local District %
Graduation Rate	95%	45.6%
College Acceptance Rate	100%	34%
Passing state-mandated English language achievement test	93%	30%
Passing state-mandated Math achievement test	81%	32%

#### Los Angeles

Graduation Rate	96%	45.3%
College Acceptance Rate	100%	34%
Passing state-mandated English language achievement test	85%	28%
Passing state-mandated Math achievement test	80%	24%

#### San Diego

Graduation Rate	100%	61.6%
College Acceptance Rate	100%	38%
Passing state-mandated English language achievement test	100%	34%
Passing state-mandated Math achievement test	100%	36%

BP % = Big Picture High School Enrollment %  
Local District % = Local School District High School Enrollment %