

## MORE ON MAGNETS

These dynamic alternative schools were created by the Burlington School District to offer options for children and families who seek a unique learning environment. Over time, these schools will enable all of the Burlington Schools to reflect the diversity of our community.

All children are different and one size does not fit all when it comes to learning styles. By choosing a magnet school, you and your child have an opportunity to find new ways of learning. Join our teachers and our community partners in developing these new themes in our new magnet schools.



Be part of creating the school experience you want for your child. Join us in our first year.

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## HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be available March 4<sup>th</sup> - March 13<sup>th</sup> at your local school, BSD's Central Office at 150 Colchester Ave. or on the website at [www.bsdvt.org](http://www.bsdvt.org). Return completed application to your local school. Decisions will be made during the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>. Applications received after March 13<sup>th</sup> will be considered based upon available space.

### Who should apply?

- Incoming Kindergarten students from all over the city who are interested in attending one of our magnet schools.
- Current K – 4 students in Flynn, Champlain, Smith, and Edmunds who are interested in attending one of our magnet schools.

### Who shouldn't apply?

- Current K – 4 students city-wide who wish to stay at their current school, including students at Barnes and Wheeler.
- If you are not interested in the magnet schools, general kindergarten registration is March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Flynn, Champlain, Smith and Edmunds.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

- Visit our schools.
- Talk to principals, teachers and students.
- Visit [bsdmagnet.com](http://bsdmagnet.com) for a list of frequently asked questions.

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Burlington School District  
Building a learning community  
in Vermont

# Burlington Public Schools' MAGNET SCHOOLS



*Join us for our first year!*

**Integrated Arts Academy**  
at H.O. Wheeler  
&  
**Sustainability Academy**  
at Lawrence Barnes

**Apply between**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup> and**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

# Burlington's Magnet Schools: Be part of creating our new magnet schools in their first year.

## What are magnet schools?

Magnet schools are public schools that offer a unique program and are open to children from around the city. There are over 4000 elementary magnet schools in the nation but these are the first two magnet schools in Vermont! The Burlington School District offers the Academy for Integrated Arts, which focuses on achieving academic excellence through the arts and the Academy for Sustainability, which focuses on connecting children to the community with projects that incorporate society, the environment and the economy.



Students at our two magnet schools will study the same things as all of our elementary school children including literacy, math, science, social studies, art, music, Spanish, and physical education. Like all Burlington schools, both Academies will develop your child's academic skills while engaging them in our community.



## Is a magnet school right for my child?

Now you have the option to choose the school that will best support and inspire your child to reach his/her potential. You can be part of creating our new Academies in their first year. The Academy for Integrated Arts uses movement, music, and a variety of arts to teach everything from literacy to math. The Academy for Sustainability offers hands-on learning opportunities that explore the local economy, the environment and the community in an effort to better understand the world.

We encourage parents to visit our schools, take a tour and meet the principals, teachers and students. Learn more about the research supporting these magnet themes at [www.bsdmagnet.com](http://www.bsdmagnet.com).

## Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes

*Engaging young citizens to make a difference in the community by exploring our diverse society, our local economy and the environment through hands-on projects.*



Sustainability reflects the shared responsibility for improving quality of life for all - economically, socially and environmentally - now and for future generations. The Academy builds upon the highly successful four year partnership with Shelburne Farms at Barnes. Children learn from real life situations how to apply math, science, literacy and social study skills.

Students participate in community studies outside the classroom. Examples include creating a schoolyard urban wildlife habitat, studying food cycles by surveying local farmers, and learning about immigration by interviewing neighbors in the school community. Students work together across grade levels on school-wide projects.

## Integrated Arts Academy at H.O. Wheeler

*Inspiring young minds by nurturing the imagination and engaging the whole child to achieve academic excellence through the arts.*

Many children learn through physical and creative experiences. In partnership with the Flynn Center and St. Michael's College, the Academy for Integrated Arts uses music, dance, movement, theatre and the visual arts to help children learn the core subjects. Students may use movement to create the lifecycle of a seed, dance to explore the wonders of the rainforest and use theatre to re-enact the struggle of the civil rights movement.



Community arts partners like Very Merry Theatre Company provide creative opportunities for children to try new things, build self esteem and self confidence to develop a solid foundation for life long learning.