

StudentLink
Alternative High School
Vashon Island School District No. 402

Application Form

Legal Name: _____ Phone: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Pronouns: _____ Grade: _____

Current School: _____ Do you have an IEP*? _____

Email Address: _____

Upon enrollment at StudentLink, we will expect you to check your VISD email every weekday. Begin now as you will be invited in for an interview once we review your application.

Welcome. StudentLink is a contract-learning program in which students participate in the creation of their own plan for study and then carry out that study with a high degree of independence, personal initiative and the ability to learn and think independently. It requires following directions, reflecting on your learning process, completing tasks in a timely manner, and *showing up*. The application itself asks you to demonstrate these qualities. (And the program is a place to develop these qualities further.) This is your opportunity to *show* us that you can be successful.

Before applying, you and/or your parents may want to make an appointment with the director (Dr. Thomas Elliott: telliott@vashonsd.org) to learn more about the program.

**If you have an IEP, the next step is an IEP meeting. StudentLink is a general ed placement. All special services go through VHS.*

Application Checklist

If you are currently enrolled in VISD, a complete application includes:

- _____ Application Form, answered with care
- _____ Parent Permission Form, signed
- _____ 250 word typed double-spaced letter of application entitled:
"Why I Think StudentLink Would Be Good for Me."

Turn your application in to Dr. Elliott at the StudentLink building. You will be invited in for an admissions interview and orientation.

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

Please answer each question thoroughly and thoughtfully. StudentLink is individualized education. Your answers will help us understand how to serve you best.

1. What inspires you?

2. Please describe a situation in which you have taken initiative to make a thing happen (not necessarily a school thing).

3. Have you dealt with difficulties in your life that have gotten in the way of your learning? If so, please describe.

4. Describe a challenge you have overcome in order to get to do something you love.

5. Please describe any responsibilities you have outside of school, including jobs, caring for siblings, etc.

6. What do you envision for yourself five years after graduation from high school?

6a. Twenty years after?

7. Tell us about your relationship to each of these subjects:

a) Reading

b) Writing

c) Math

d) the Arts

8. Again, this is individualized education. That's why we're gathering so much information about who you are. Anything else you would like us to know about you and your learning?

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Parent Permission Form

Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Student lives with me: _____ %

Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Email: _____ Student lives with me: _____ %

My student _____ does _____ does not have an IEP. I understand that StudentLink cannot provide Specially Designed Instruction and that enrollment in the program requires meeting with the student's IEP team to determine whether and how the student's learning needs can be met.

We have discussed this program. We understand that enrollment in StudentLink entails:

- credits recorded as Credit/No Credit (no grades)
- VISD StudentLink diploma, upon graduation

Students who attend StudentLink are welcome for lunch and break at VHS, they can take up to one class at VHS, they can ride the bus and participate in sports and clubs. Our students may also walk in the VHS graduation ceremony. Otherwise they are expected to be at StudentLink while they are on campus.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____