

Application Information

1. Application

Prospective students should fill out the student questionnaire (by hand, if possible). Parents should fill out the parent forms. Applications are due **March 15**. All materials can be sent to the school address (below). The **application fee is \$50.00** (non-refundable). This fee may be waived if it presents a financial hardship.

2. School Visits

Families interested in enrolling their child are encouraged to attend our school open-house in January when they will have an opportunity to hear from teachers, current students, and alums. Parents are then encouraged to schedule a time to meet with Donna & Joanna at the school. Together with the student “group interview” below, these visits give students and families a feel for the school and its culture, and provide several different forums for questions.

3. Group Interview

Students who apply are asked to attend a group interview after school with the teachers and a handful of other applicants. This usually happens after the open house and parent visit, and before or shortly after the application deadline. NBS will contact parents to schedule these visits.

4. Transcripts and Records

Please sign the Transcript Release Form and submit it to your *child's current school*. Please inform the school that they should send all pertinent materials, transcripts, records, IEP's, or other information to The North Branch School.

5. Math Teacher Recommendation

A teacher recommendation from a current math teacher is useful in providing us with more specific information in this area. Please give the form to the applicant's present math teacher and ask that it be mailed directly to The North Branch School. This recommendation will remain confidential. You may want to provide a stamped and addressed envelope for the convenience of the teacher.

A completed application should include:

- _____ Application Fee (\$50.00, non-refundable/waived by request if a hardship)
- _____ Student's (hand written) writing sample (other work or art samples are optional and welcome)
- _____ Parents' form
- _____ Current Math teacher's recommendation
- _____ Current school's transcripts and records sent to The North Branch School
- _____ Parent interview/visit (to be arranged)
- _____ Student group visit with Tal/teachers (to be scheduled after application is submitted)

If there are questions, please call 388-3269 or email us at nbs@northbranchschool.org

Mail completed forms to: Admissions
The North Branch School
P.O. Box 209
Ripton, Vermont 05766

Parents' Form

Date: _____

Student's full name: _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Date of birth: _____

Current school/grade: _____

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian

Name
Home address

Home phone
Cell phone
Work phone
Email
Occupation

(please * your preferred daytime contact phone #)

Check if appropriate:

Mother is deceased _____ Father is deceased _____ Parents separated _____ Parents divorced _____

Student lives with (names & relationship): _____

Person(s) with custodial responsibility: _____

Other children in the family (names, ages, current grades: _____

How did you hear about The North Branch School? _____

In order to help us get to know more about your child and your family, we would appreciate your responses to the following questions. Please use separate page/pages for your answers.

1. Please describe the school experience your child is having this year.
2. Please tell us why you are interested in The North Branch School for your child.
3. What are your child's special talents, strengths and interests in the classroom?
4. What are your child's special talents, strengths, or personal qualities outside the classroom?
5. Is there anything we should know about your child's learning style or past history, in school or elsewhere that would help us to meet his/her needs?
6. Has your child been referred for, or undergone psychological counseling or support? If so, briefly explain.
7. In what ways have you been involved in your child's schooling in the past?
8. In what ways would you be willing to participate in The North Branch School community; what special talents, expertise or professional/work experience might you offer?
9. Feel free to add anything else that might be helpful for us to know.

Thank you for taking your time answering these questions.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

In hiring, admissions and administration, NBS does not discriminate on the basis of physical ability, gender, gender identity race, national or ethnic origin, creed, socio-economic status, sexual orientation or religious affiliation.

Student Form (To be filled out by student)

Name: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Present grade: _____ Present school: _____

Email address: _____

Home address: _____ Home phone: _____

How did you hear about The North Branch School? _____

Please answer at least TWO of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, by hand if possible.

Tell about something you have enjoyed learning about in school, and why you enjoyed it.

Tell about something you have enjoyed learning about *outside* of school, and why you enjoyed it.

Describe one or two personal strengths or qualities you feel you possess, and describe how you demonstrate those qualities.

Describe one area which is *not* your strongest area. How have you learned that this is an area you need to work on, and how are you working on it?

Tell about any sports, interests, or activities you pursue outside of school, and the extent to which you have committed yourself to them.

Describe your idea of what would make the best possible place to learn. You might consider subjects taught, the way subjects are taught, the environment or “feel” of the school, the way school-time is organized, the kinds of teachers you might have, the kinds of students in the school with you, or any other factor.

Write briefly about a book you have enjoyed recently and what you enjoyed about it.

What subjects might you want to pursue in an independent study at The North Branch School, and why those particular subjects?

What kinds of community service have you been involved in in the past, or what kinds might you want to pursue in the future?

Please attach a sample of recent writing-this may be a school assignment, a letter, or creative work. You may also attach artwork or any other item that might help us get to know more about you.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Transcript Release Form
(send this form to student's current school)

Student Name: _____ **DOB** _____

The laws of confidentiality require that any school forwarding academic transcripts and information about a child must have the student's parent's permission before the release of such information. Please sign this release form so that transcripts and academic information from your child's current school can be forwarded to The North Branch School as soon as possible.

I authorize the release of _____'s (student's name) academic transcripts,

standardized test scores, immunization/health records and any other pertinent documents to:
The North Branch School PO Box 209, Ripton, VT 05766.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This release applies to the following school(s):

(name/address)

Please mail or email records to:

Admissions
The North Branch School
PO Box 209
Ripton, VT 05766
nbs@northbranchschool.org

Math Teacher Recommendation
(to be forwarded to your child's current math teacher)

The following student has applied to The North Branch School. We would appreciate your time and candor in filling out this recommendation as a way of helping us to get to know more about the student and to assist us in making the proper math placement, should this student become a member of our school community.

Applicant name: _____

Math teacher name: _____

School name and address: _____

How long have you known the applicant?

In what ways have you known the applicant (classes taught, other activities)?

Please list the major areas the student has covered/will cover in their current math class.

Based on your knowledge of this student, at what level/class would s/he be properly placed next school year?

What academic strengths and weaknesses have you noted in this student's work and approach to school?

Please share a summary of this student's desire to learn / intellectual curiosity, as well as any other strengths and weaknesses that might be helpful for us to know.

Teacher signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send completed form to:
The North Branch School
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