BHS Expanded Learning

Explore - Connect - Empower

Program Descriptions 2026- 2027

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Art Studio:
Advisor: Lorien Leyden and Ducky Jones
Meets: Room 231A Mondays from 3:30-4:30
Art club provides a relaxed space where students can work on personal art projects or get assistance with art class assignments. Materials are provided.

BHS Heroes Club
Advisor: Dan Gavin
Meets: Room C345 Thursdays from 3:30-4:30
BHS Heroes is the school's community service club. On average, BHS Heroes helps to organize five community service opportunities for the student body to participate in each year. Students are not required to earn their service hours just through events offered through BHS Heroes. Some organizations BHS Heroes has worked with are Spectrum Youth & Family Services (Sleep Out), Vermont Children's Trust Foundation (Polar Express), American Red Cross (blood drives), and the Vermont City Marathon, to name a few.

BHS Drama Club
There are three “seasons” of Drama at Burlington High School. Two seasons, the One Act Play Festival and the Musical are open to all students and no cuts are made. Anyone who wishes to participate and be a member of the cast may do so. Anyone wishing to participate in stage construction and stage crew is also welcome to join the production. The rehearsal schedules are posted each Monday for the week. Rehearsals can be from 3:30-5:30. This all depends on the individual directors who must learn to schedule rehearsals for characters or scenes. There is one Sunday rehearsal just before production week.

Chess Club
Advisor: Paul Jones and Justin Murray
Meets: Wednesdays in Library at 3:30
Chess Club meets once a week. All students regardless of their chess abilities are welcome to join! No pre-registration is required. Students may also participate in regional chess tournaments at UVM and with Stowe Scholastic Chess.

Chill Board Sports

In partnership with Burton and The Chill Foundation, Chill programs consist of experiential learning activities, reflection, and discussion, paired with boardsport lessons. Chill's six core values provide youth with a foundation and framework for learning and growth, supported and enhanced through progression in boardsports skills and adult mentorship. Chill strives to remove all barriers to accessing boardsports by providing youth with everything they need to get after it, at absolutely no cost. New skills gained through boardsport skills progression and core-value exploration are then directly applied to everyday life, challenging youth to step out of their comfort zone – both on and off their board. **Limited Space**

Philosophy Club
Advisor: Tyler Dogget (UVM Professor)
Meets Tuesdays/Wednesdays at 3:30, Room C327
In Philosophy club, students discuss philosophical ideas and concepts. Topics are chosen by student interest. Students also read through additional material and help to organize events for Public Philosophy week in the spring. Philosophy club also features many guest speakers from the UVM philosophy department who speak on their specialties.

Detour Art Magazine
Advisor: Shannon Walters
Meets: Wednesdays at 3:30 in the Media Room/Makerspace in Library
Detour is Burlington High School's Literary and Arts Magazine. All are welcome to participate and submit original pieces of visual art and or poetry, short stories or essays. Detour is published twice a year. In the afterschool club students work on curating, organizing, and creating the editions of Detour for publication.

Dungeons and Dragons
Advisor: Student Led!
Meets: Library study Rooms throughout the week (Connect with Mr. Jones to find a campaign)
Do you love fantasy, science fiction, video games, comic books, reading, writing, and telling stories or even just letting your imagination run wild? Do you like meeting new people and playing fun, exciting games? Then you need to check out the Dungeons and Dragons club!! Dungeons and Dragons (AKA D&D) is the world's oldest and bestselling roleplaying game, where players create and direct their own characters in a collaborative storytelling experience. You use many-sided dice and your wits to solve

diabolical puzzles, overcome vicious monsters, and wield mighty weapons and powerful spells. If you're already playing in a campaign, that's awesome! The D&D club is here to help you find space and resources to take your game to the next level. Never played D&D and not sure where to start? D&D club is a perfect place to learn the game, meet other players, and get involved in one the most popular and fun games of all time. Come check it out!

Green up Club:
Advisor: Andrew Grant
Meets: Tuesdays in C313
Green up club is a student led organization for cleaning up public spaces in Burlington. Trash picking up gear is provided and the club rotates through different parks and public spaces throughout the fall and spring. Students can earn volunteer hours through green-up club. Green-Up Club also works on improving waste management practices at BHS through education, and data gathering!

Poetry Club
Advisor: Tammie Ledoux-Moody
Meets: Tuesdays at 3:30 in C336

Poetry Club meets weekly to analyze and discuss poetry, as well as helping students hone their skills in writing their own poetry. The club also helps organize the Poetry Out Loud events throughout the year.

Homework Center
Tutors: Norm Tremblay, Nicole Schoen, Andrew Grant, Paul Jones, Justin Murray, Molly Schettler

Meets: Monday through Thursday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the Library
The Homework Center, located in the BHS library, provides academic support, homework help and tutoring. The Homework Center is staffed with a school day Math teacher, English Language teacher, Science teacher and a member from the student support team. All students are enrolled and encouraged to attend on a drop in basis as needed.

International Club
Advisor: Susan Blethen
Meets: Wednesdays

The International Club is a student-run organization whose members explore different cultures and set an annual social mission. Some examples of our social mission projects are reading to end racism with local elementary students, sponsoring dinners with guest speakers to discuss immigration policy, creating the All are Welcome symbol to display in businesses and medical offices. We have also raised money for Nepali earthquake survivors, tuition for girls in Ethiopia and Afghanistan, for Doctors Without Borders, and for Mercy Corp to distribute to Yemeni refugees.

Latin Club
Advisor: Amy Heneveld
Meets: Biweekly on Fridays in C236
Latin club is a club for students interested in learning the Latin language and writing system, as well as Roman history and culture. It is intended as an afterschool program to continue Latin education as it is no longer offered as a school-day class at BHS. Students are welcomed to attend and start or continue their Latin education!

Math League
Advisor: Norm Tremblay
Meets: During School Day
Math League is a competitive math event where students practice math problem solving in order to compete at events against other schools.Throughout the year, Math League travels to compete in events across Vermont.

Meal Donation Club
Advisor: Mary Simons
Meets: TBD!

This exciting student-organized club is focused on cooking meals at BHS to then be donated to those in need in Burlington. Students meet to prep, plan, and cook meals as a team during the winter at BHS, using the classroom kitchens. The first meetings will be in November this year.

Mental Health Mentorship (MHM)
Advisor: Bowen Stephens
Meets: Wednesdays

Mental Health Mentorship (abbreviated as MHM) is a student-led group that focuses on helping students improve their mental health at school through working on executive functioning skills around planning and stress management at school, as well as providing a fun and relaxed environment for students to connect during Afterschool.

Model UN
Advisor: Sean Fleming
Meets: Mondays at 3:30 in room C331
In Model UN, students are assigned to represent countries and tackle geopolitical questions through in depth simulations of the United Nations. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the international world and some principles of politics and negotiations.

Open Library
Advisor: Shannon Walters
Meets: Fridays from 3:30 - 5:30 in Library
The library stays open on Fridays afterschool so that students can access Library makerspace tools: computers, laser cutter, vinyl cutter for stickers, video tools; or meet with friends; work on school work; play computer games … or just curl up with a good book!

Rowing
Advisor: Eliza Spinner and Oskar Laing
Meets: Mondays and Thursdays at 3:30 at Perkins Pier in Fall/Spring
In Partnership with with Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, BHS Rowing meets twice a week in the Fall and Spring. Rowing focuses on team building and healthy physical activity. All students are welcome to participate with the slogan “You Show, You Row”. Students participate in local races as well as the Fall season closing race in Boston.

Scholar’s Bowl
Advisor: Kevin Commo
Meets: Tuesdays in room C320 from 3:30-5:00
Scholars' Bowl is a question-and-answer academic competition, somewhat similar to Jeopardy!, but contested by teams of students. Questions cover all subjects in the school curriculum and also include some pop culture so there's material for everyone. The BHS team typically participates in around 10 competitions around the state each year and all students are welcome to join.

Smash Bros Team

Advisor: Emilia Foster
Meets: Fridays in Library
Smash Bros is a video game on the Nintendo Switch with a competitive High School circuit in Vermont. This E-Sports team meets once a week to practice the competitive aspects of the game. Students compete in friendly scrimmages and will represent BHS at matches in the Smash Bros competitive season!

Student Government
Meets: Wednesday Mornings in Library
Advisor: Bowen Stephens
Help us build our Seahorse Nation by joining the Student Planning Club. Student planning coordinates student-organized school events and fundraisers (homecoming week, winter ball, custodial appreciation, superfan/ senior shirts, prom, and much more!!) BHS is your home away from home! Let's work together to make sure it's an inclusive, thoughtful, and fun community! We need your voice! Join today!

Unified Sports (Bowling, Basketball, Fitness, Bocce)
Advisor: Michael Leonard
Meets: Seasonal variations
Unified Sports is a partnership with the Special Olympics Vermont providing athletic experiences for students of all physical and intellectual abilities. Student leaders known as “partners” help facilitate the program and develop relationships with other students. Goals are to promote friendship, improve skills, and encourage independence.