



# QUINCY INNOVATION ACADEMY

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# Quincy Middle School Students

## Have you heard about Quincy Innovation Academy?

**We have two programs available to middle and high school students.**

**Big Picture Learning**: Educational requirements are woven into students' interests through each individualized learning plan. This happens naturally through project-based learning and "LEAVING to LEARN". Here at QIA, we try not to overcomplicate learning. We simply look to find our interests and then we go live it.

**Online Program**: Students who like computer-based instruction are encouraged to apply. Students are required to spend at least 28 hours each week and attend weekly meetings with QIA advisors. There is an on-site lab available at QIA for all students wanting one-on-one help or a quiet place to learn.

**Let's hear what our students have to say!**



**A PERSON WHO  
NEVER MADE A  
MISTAKE  
NEVER TRIED  
ANYTHING NEW.**  
-ALBERT EINSTEIN

## What is BPL?

Edgar, 8th Grade:

BPL is a program at QIA that helps us have more freedom and fun. We get to leave to learn. I can also work and go to school. We can go at our own speed and focus on our interests. You don't have to be any one thing to be in Big Picture, you just have to be interested and self-driven.

# What do QIA students have to say?

"I really like all the staff at QIA. They are all welcoming and motivate me to come to school. They make school a place I want to go to. There is a lot of support."

-Sam Zarate, 12th Grade

"We are able to change learning plans at any time."

-Horacio, 11th Grade

"So, I had a baby. In the beginning my pregnancy was hard and I wasn't getting much sleep or completing my work at the high school. I transferred here to this program to find a way for me to do my work, so I wouldn't stay behind. Big Picture helped create a personalized plan for me and my future self."

-Leidy, 11th Grade

"This school helped me realize I have more potential than I ever thought I did."

-Jonathan, 12th Grade

"I am at QIA because QMS was stressful for me. There aren't periods for classes and you don't have multiple teachers. Everything at QIA is easier to understand for me."

-Georgia, 7th Grade

"I enjoy the independence I have with the online program. I had heard about this program from a previous graduate, and she described the program as a possibility to graduate early and I wanted to take that opportunity. I feel like I can be more successful here."

-Lucy Hoeger, 9th Grade

"This program is student-based, you are in control of your own learning and they help you with things you actually need to learn before you graduate like how to get a job, how to apply for it and the kinds of things you need to be successful within it."

-Caitline, 12th Grade

"I like the online program at QIA because it gives you a lot more flexibility outside of your life but still having the chance to do well and learn in school. As high school students we are growing up, getting jobs, and taking responsibility in our life outside of school. I feel that the online program does give a bit more flexible for those things."

-Chloe Westra, 10th Grade

# Why am I here?

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**“My dad signed me up here, and I ended up liking it. QIA school give students more choices when it comes to finding what they like and setting them up with employment relating to their interests. Also, QIA allows students from different age groups and grades to be in the same class, which can be cool, if there are siblings in different grades here”.**

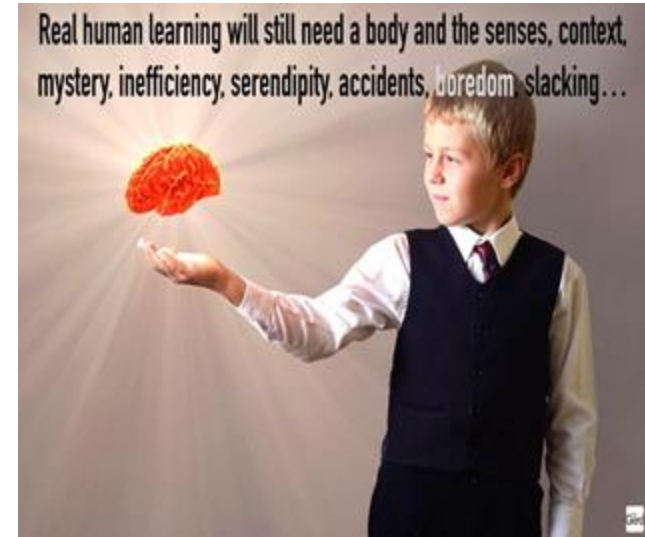
**Noah Besel, 8th Grade**

# Why am I here?

"I'm here because in QIA, I can do things as fast as I want too!  
QIA is student-led. Also, the lunch here is better". (;

-Jonah, 9th Grade

Don't sweat it champ, I'll  
take care of it..  
Personally...



# Angel's Reasons: Why am I here?

**“I’m here at Quincy Innovation Academy because at the regular High School they wanted me to go at their pace, but I wanted to go at my own pace. I transferred over here, so I can graduate when I am ready”.**

-Angel





"I like it here, the only reason I'm with Quincy Innovation Academy is because we are traveling a lot this year and I ended up liking it; so yeah, that's that."

-Kaylynn

We have  
fun here



13 years old, 7th Grade







I like it here because you can get really good 1 on 1 time, and if you need help they will help you right away. They are really nice and funny.

At first I was mad at my parents for taking me out of the middle school and putting me here, but I ended up actually liking it.



JETTA BROWN 13 years old, 7th grade





# Leaving to Learn

"Big Picture Learning (BPL) is so special, because we get to stay together for more than a class or year. By design, we are a family of self-led learners, who value having fun through our own explorations and interests. We learn in countless ways!"

-Mr. Lewis

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