

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PREP

Preparing every scholar for success in college and the world beyond.

In accordance with <u>Rhode Island General Law</u>, Blackstone Valley Prep upholds the public's right to access public records maintained by the organization, while maintaining individuals' right to privacy.

Moreover, we comply with all laws and regulations that protect our scholars' confidential educational and medical records, including the <u>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act</u> (FERPA), the <u>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</u> (IDEA), and the <u>Health Insurance</u> Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA).

To request information available under the Access to Public Records Act, please contact BVP in one of the following ways:

- (1) By e-mail: openrecords@blackstonevalleyprep.org.
- (2) By mail: Blackstone Valley Prep, 7 Fatima Drive, Cumberland, RI 02864
- (3) In person: Blackstone Valley Prep Network office, 7 Fatima Drive, Cumberland, RI 02864

If you are unable to submit your request in writing, please contact us by phone at (401) 213-9617 Requests will be received and fulfilled by the Secretary of the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer. You will receive a written response within ten (10) business days

- If BVP needs more time, the open records officer will notify you of the determined extension of up to (20) business days, along with an explanation of why the additional time is needed.
- If your request is denied, you will receive a written explanation indicating the reason BVP is unable to fulfill the request.
- If your request is denied and you would like to appeal the decision, you may contact BVP's Chief Executive Officer at jchiappetta@blackstonevalleyprep.org

Please note that BVP may redact some information in documents including, but not limited to, information related to personnel, scholars, or other individuals to the extent permitted by Rhode Island's Access to Public Records act and/or Federal Law. It may also redact or deny access to content relative to school safety or other information that may put our scholars at risk if released to the public.



