I wish I Knew That!

Programs to Pursue Before you Graduate

College & Career Pathways 2024
Introductions

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Agenda and Background

Career and College

Flexible Pathways

Classes

Personalized Learning Plan

PBGRs

Portrait of a Graduate

Extracurricular Activities
Vermont Portrait of a Graduate

- Learner Agency
- Well-Being
- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Communication
- Global Citizenship
- Academic Proficiency
Flexible Pathways are Supported by Legislation

Act 77: The Flexible Pathways Initiative

Personalized Learning (7-12)
- Personalized learning planning process
- Discover student interests, abilities, etc.
- Personalized Learning Plan
- Career development and post-secondary planning

Flexible Pathways
- Increase engagement and encourage postsecondary continuation
- Can relate to career and academic interests
- Multiple types of flexible pathways
Flexible Pathway Programs

If you want to explore...

...careers in high school

Career Technical Education

...expanded learning in high school

Virtual and Blended Learning

...college in high school

Dual Enrollment & Fast Forward

Work-Based Learning

Expanded Learning Opportunities

Early College Program
Part 1: College in High School

• Why College in High School?
• Dual Enrollment
• Fast Forward
• Early College
Why College in High School?

• Explore the world of college prior to high school graduation

• Receive both high school and college credit for taking a college level course

• Get a jumpstart on earning postsecondary credentials

• Offset future college expenses

• Ease the transition to life after high school
Overview: **Dual Enrollment**

**Who:** All eligible 11th & 12th grade Vermont students

**When:** Upon completion of 10th grade, before graduation

**What:** Enroll in two college courses tuition free

**Where:** Partnering Vermont colleges & universities

**How:** Dual Enrollment System, communication with HS counselor & PLP
Dual Enrollment System Site – Dual Enrollment

Brief overview of the system

- Request DE System account
- HS Coordinator* approves account request
- Complete profile & household info
- Find a course using the college's course catalog
- Request course(s) in the DE System
- Upon approval from HS Coordinator register at the college using the voucher number

* Home Study works with AOE directly
Questions?
Overview: **Fast Forward Program**

**Who:** Students enrolled in certain Career Technical Education programs

**When:** 11th & 12th graders – during the school year

**What:** Earn college credits through your CTE program

**Where:** Vermont Technical College or Community College of Vermont

**How:** Dual Enrollment System, communication with your Regional CTE Center & PLP
Dual Enrollment System Site - Fast Forward

**Brief overview of the system**

- Request DE System account
- HS Coordinator approves request
- Complete profile & household information
- Discuss with your CTE instructor about the program course offerings
- Request FF ticket in the DE System
- CTE Coordinator approves request

**Student Manual**
Overview: Early College

Ear·ly /ˈərlē/ (adjective):
Happening or done before the usual or expected time.
“We got a jumpstart on postsecondary education with early college”

Who: Eligible 12th grade Vermont students

When: Application and approval process during 11th grade year

What: Full year of college in place of their HS senior year

Where: Partnering postsecondary institutions

How: Connect with your HS counselor, apply in Junior year
## Timeline: College in High School Offerings

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Part 2: Careers in High School

- Why Careers in High School
- Timeline
- Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Work-Based Learning (WBL)
Why Careers in High School?

• Gain the skills, technical knowledge, academic foundation and real-world experience you need to prepare for high skill, high demand, high wage careers

• Participate in programs that meet the ever-changing needs of learners and employers

• Earn a meaningful credential (CTE-IRC)

• Participate in work-based learning experiences in real, virtual, online, or simulated work environments that expose learners to postsecondary options
Overview: Career Technical Education

Learning That Works for Vermont

Who: Any 11th and 12th grade Vermont student

When: Apply during spring of 10th or 11th grade

What: Students gain skills, technical knowledge, academic foundation and real-world experience needed to prepare for high skill, high demand, high wage careers

Where: Provided statewide through 15 service regions

How: Meet the admission criteria set forth in the admissions policies of the technical center
CTE Programs

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Automotive, Diesel Technology, Autobody
- Building Trades
- Business
- Computer Systems, Networking, and IT
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Digital and Visual Arts
- Diversified Agriculture
- Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing
- Engineering
- Forestry and Natural Resources
- Health Sciences and Dental Assisting
- Heavy Equipment
- Human Services, Childhood, and Teacher Education
- Law Enforcement
- Welding
Overview: **Work-Based Learning**

**Who:** Any Vermont student

**When:** Dependent upon Child Labor Laws, students need to be 14 years of age and up for most experiences

**What:** Work related experiences that enhance academic and career goals

**Where:** Professional working environments, businesses within the local community

**How:** Connect with your school’s Work-Based Learning Coordinator
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Part 3: Expanded Learning in High School

• Why Expanded Learning in High School?

• Virtual and Blended Learning
  ➢ (VTLC is used here as an example)

• Expanded Learning Opportunities
  ➢ (Independent Studies as an example)
Why Expanded Learning in High School?

• Range of online learning opportunities for students

• Allows student choice in time, place, and pace of learning

• Employs a variety of digital tools, content, and supports
Overview: Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative

Who: Students in grades 9-12 (some offerings available for earlier grades)

When: Fall and spring semesters, 16-18 weeks each

What: Over 100 online courses that can be used to meet high school graduation requirements

Where: Online through any Vermont high school

How: Connect with your counselor to apply
## Timeline: Expanded Learning in High School

| Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative (VTVLC) | Full time programs  
|                                             | Traditional programs  
|                                             | Home Study programs  
|                                             | Flex Programs        |
| Expanded Learning Opportunities             | As determined by the local school, including such opportunities as independents studies. |
Questions?
Resources & More Information

VT Flexible Pathways Tool: Considerations for Student Participation in a Flexible Pathway

PLP Framework For Students

Career Technical Education

Work-Based Learning

Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative

Vermont JobLink - Vermont JobLink

Developmental Disabilities Services Division: Postsecondary Education Opportunities
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