I wish I Knew That!

Programs to Pursue Before you Graduate

College & Career Pathways 2023
Introductions

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Agenda and Background

Career and College

Flexible Pathways
Classes
Personalized Learning Plan
PBGRs
Portrait of a Graduate
Extracurricular Activities
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
- Work-Based Learning

...expanded learning in high school
- Virtual and Blended Learning
- High School Completion Program

...college in high school
- Dual Enrollment & Fast Forward
- Early College Program

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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 11\textsuperscript{th} & 12\textsuperscript{th} grade Vermont students

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

What: Receive two college course vouchers

Where: Partnering Vermont colleges & universities

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

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 voucher 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 Voucher

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)

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

**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
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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
## Timeline: Career in High School Offerings

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Part 3: Expanded Learning in High School

- Why Expanded Learning in High School?
- Virtual and Blended Learning
  - (VTVLC is used here as an example)
- High School Completion Program
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
Overview: **High School Completion Program**

**Who**: Students 16 years of age or older

**When**: No time restriction

**What**: Educational services needed for the attainment of a high school diploma

**Where**: Through a local Adult Education and Literacy provider

**How**: Connect with HS counselor if enrolled in school or local Adult Education and Literacy provider otherwise
## Timeline: Extended Learning in High School

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Traditional programs  
Home Study programs  
Flex Programs                                                                 | Full time programs  
Traditional programs  
Home Study programs  
Flex Programs                                                                 | Full time programs  
Traditional programs  
Home Study programs  
Flex Programs                                                                 | Full time programs  
Traditional programs  
Home Study programs  
Flex Programs                                                                 |
| **Learning Cooperative** (VTVLC) |                                                                                  |                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                              |
| **High School Completion** | Not applicable                                                                      | Not applicable                                                              | Open to 11th and 12th graders  
Connect with HS counselor if enrolled in school or local Adult Education and Literacy provider otherwise | Open to 11th and 12th graders  
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| **Program (HSCP)** |                                                                                  |                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                              |
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

Adult Education and Literacy

Vermont JobLink - Vermont JobLink

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