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Programs to Pursue Before You Graduate

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Introductions

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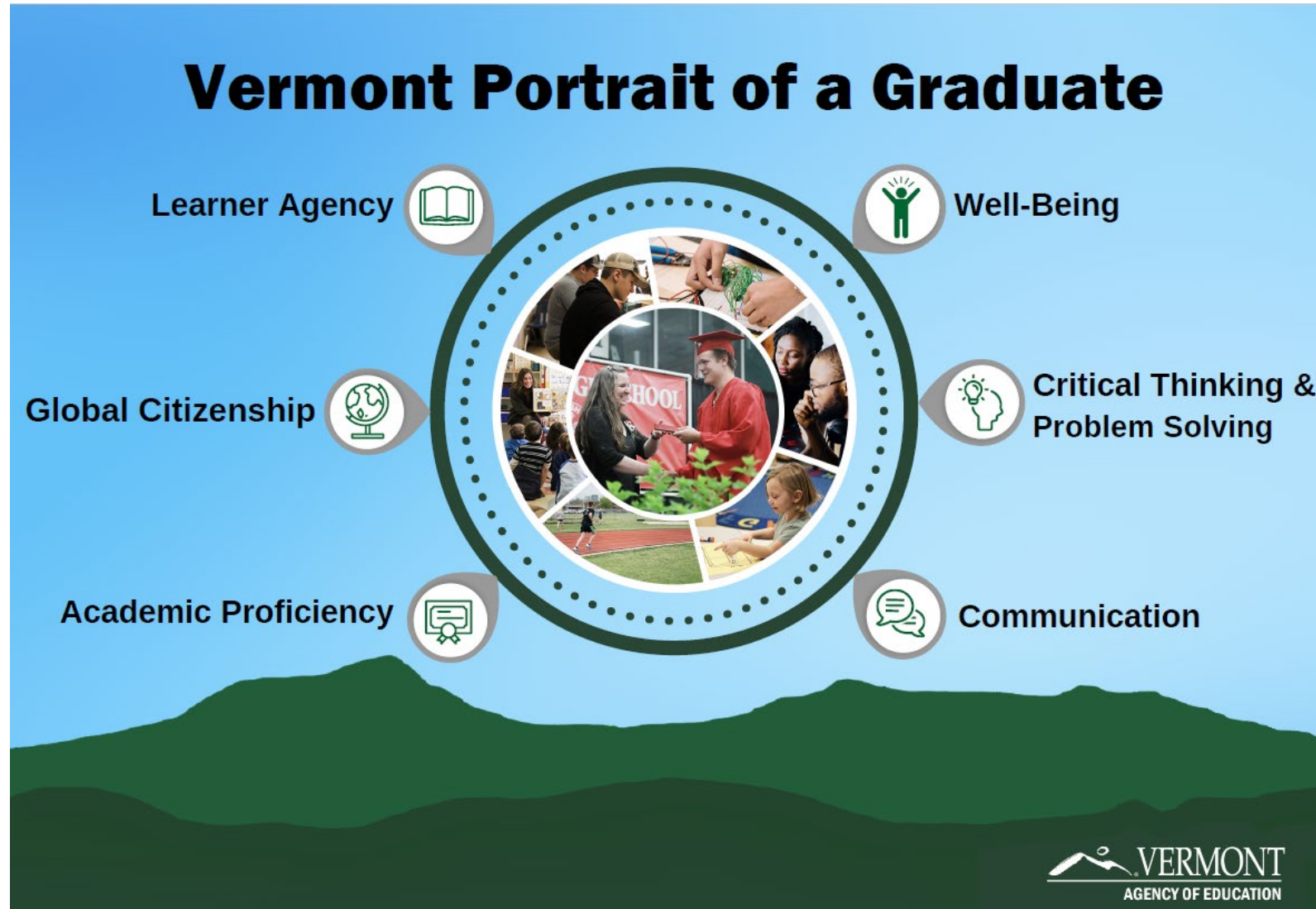
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Student Pathways Division

Agenda and Background

Career and College



Vermont Portrait of a Graduate



Flexible Pathways are Supported by Legislation

Act 77: The Flexible Pathways Initiative

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The diagram illustrates the legislative support for flexible pathways. At the top, a green box labeled 'Act 77: The Flexible Pathways Initiative' has two arrows pointing down to two separate boxes. The left box, 'Personalized Learning (7-12)', is blue and lists four bullet points. The right box, 'Flexible Pathways', is orange and lists three bullet points. A double-headed arrow connects the two bottom boxes, indicating a reciprocal relationship between personalized learning and flexible pathways.

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

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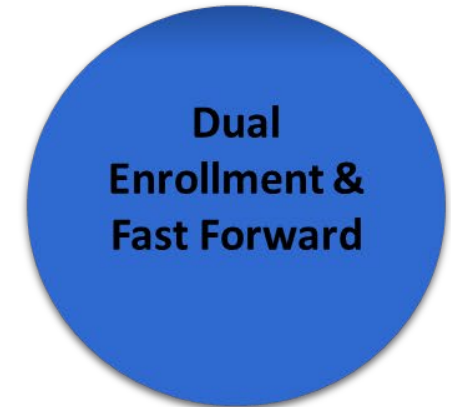
...careers in high school



...expanded learning in high school



...college in high school



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

Dual Enrollment
Fast Forward
Early College

Overview: Dual Enrollment

Who: All eligible 11th & 12th 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



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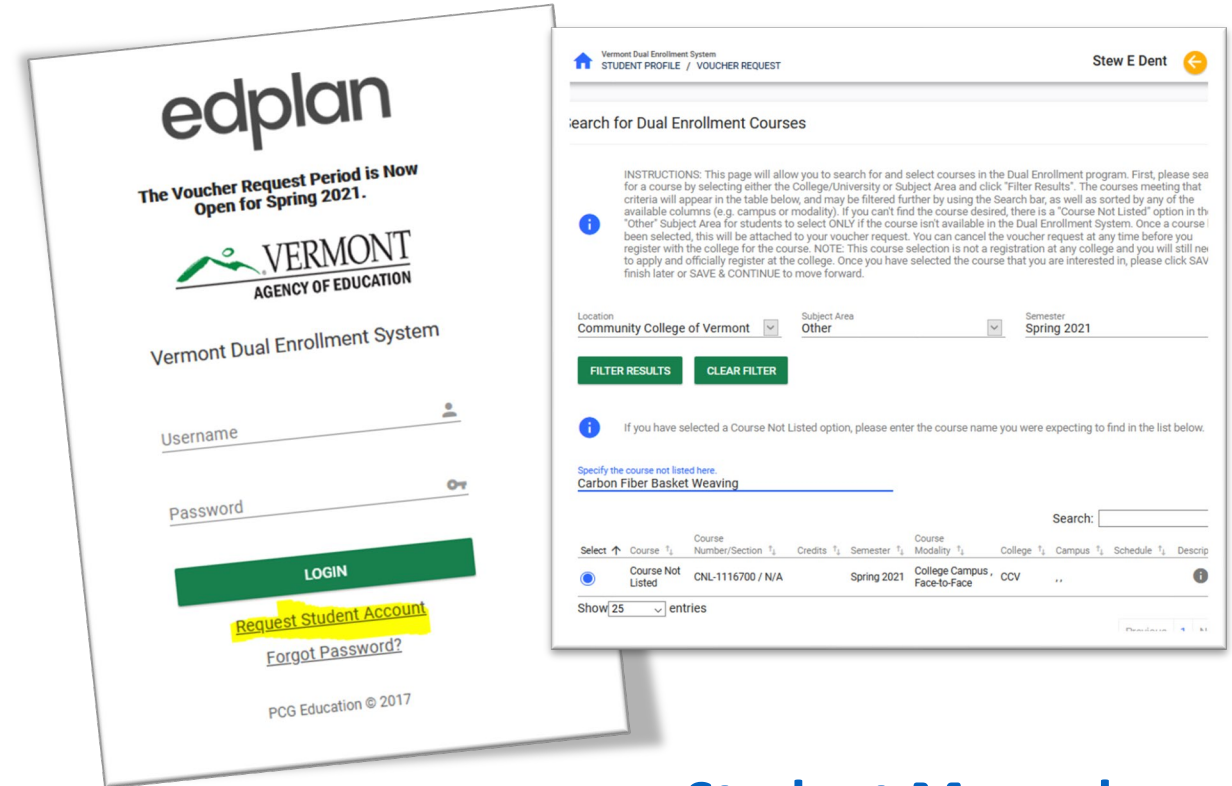


Dual Enrollment System Site – Dual Enrollment Voucher

Brief overview of the system

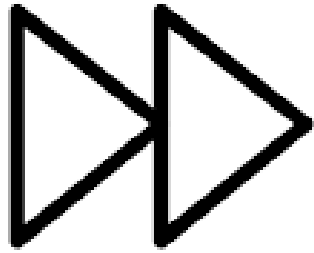
- ☐ Request DE System account
- ☐ HS Coordinator* approves account request
- ☐ Complete profile & household info
- ☐ Find a course using the college's course catalog
- ☐ Request course voucher in the DE System
- ☐ Upon approval from HS Coordinator register at the college using the voucher number

* Home Study works with AOE directly



Student Manual

Overview: Fast Forward Program



Who: Students enrolled in certain Career Technical Education programs

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

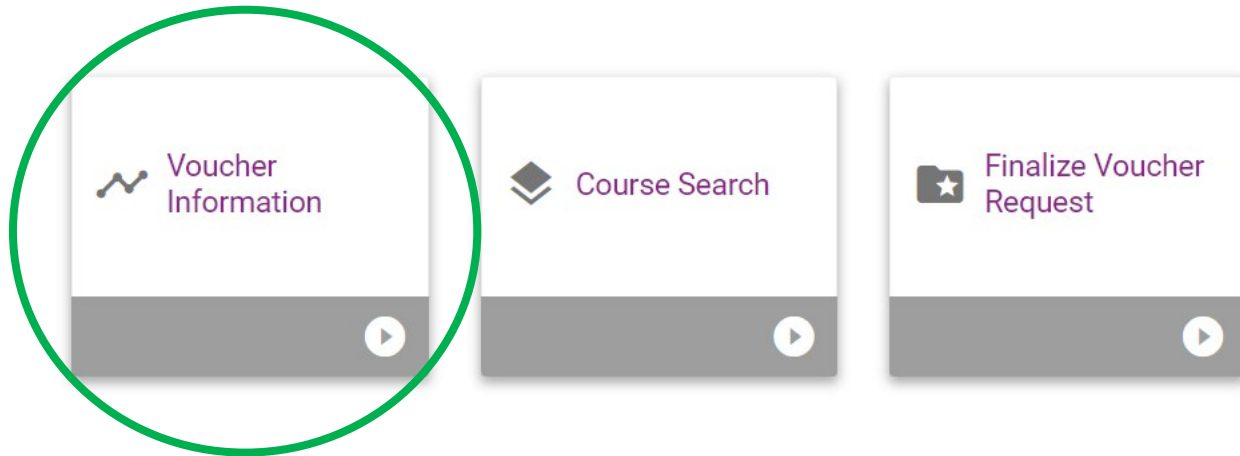
What: Earn college credits through your CTE program

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



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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

Overview: Early College

Ear·ly /'ərlē/ (*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

Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th grade
Dual Enrollment	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs)	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs)	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs)	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs)	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs) Eligible for 2 Dual Enrollment vouchers – beginning summer before 11th grade	
Early College	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs)	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs)	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs)	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs)	College/career exploration through personal learning plans (PLPs) Application & Approval Process	Eligible for Early College
Fast Forward	Pre-tech programs in partnership with regional CTE Center School directed college/career counseling				Eligible for 2 Fast Forward coupons in participating CTE Programs per semester	
Intro to College & Careers (CCV)	Eligible for CCV Introduction to College & Careers Course					

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



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, Auto-body
- ❖ 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

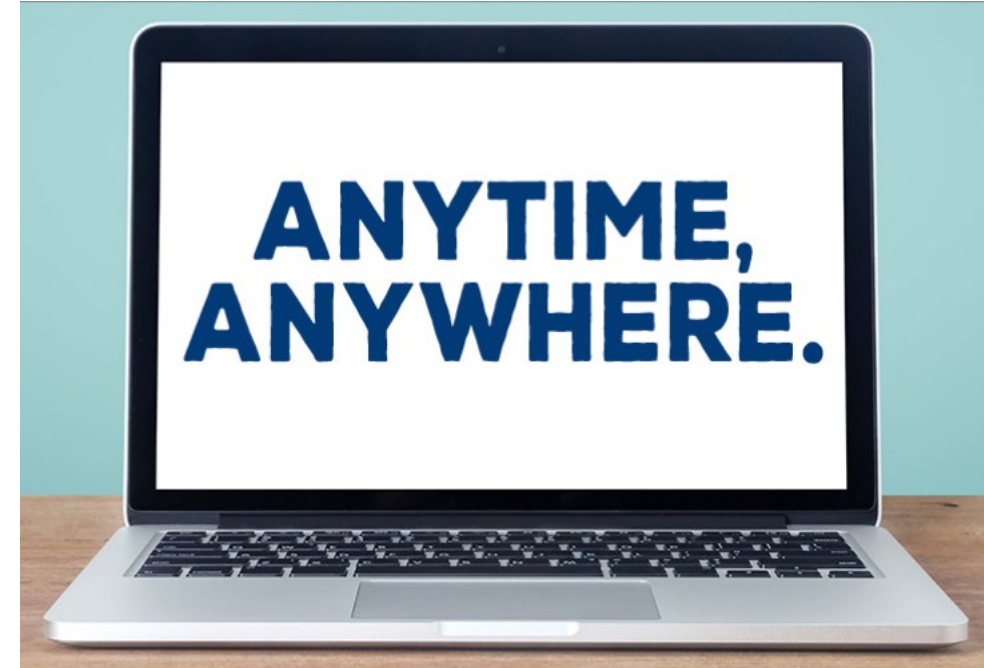
How: Connect with your school's Work-Based Learning Coordinator

Timeline: Career in High School Offerings

	7th – 9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
CTE	<p>College/career exploration through personalized learning plans</p> <p>Pre-tech programs in partnership with regional CTE Center and school directed college / career counseling</p>	<p>Pre-tech programs in partnership with regional CTE Center and school directed college / career counseling</p> <p>Apply in spring for 11th grade CTE participation</p>	<p>Participate in half day or full day program</p> <p>Apply in spring for 12th grade CTE participation</p>	<p>Participate in half day or full day program</p>
Work-Based Learning	<p>College/career exploration through personalized learning plans</p>	<p>Career exploration and preparation through job shadows, internships, paid work experiences, Transition services.</p>	<p>Career exploration and preparation through job shadows, internships, paid work experiences, Transition services.</p> <p>Apprenticeship and Cooperative Education through CTE programs</p>	<p>Career exploration and preparation through job shadows, internships, paid work experiences, Transition services.</p> <p>Apprenticeship and Cooperative Education through CTE programs</p>

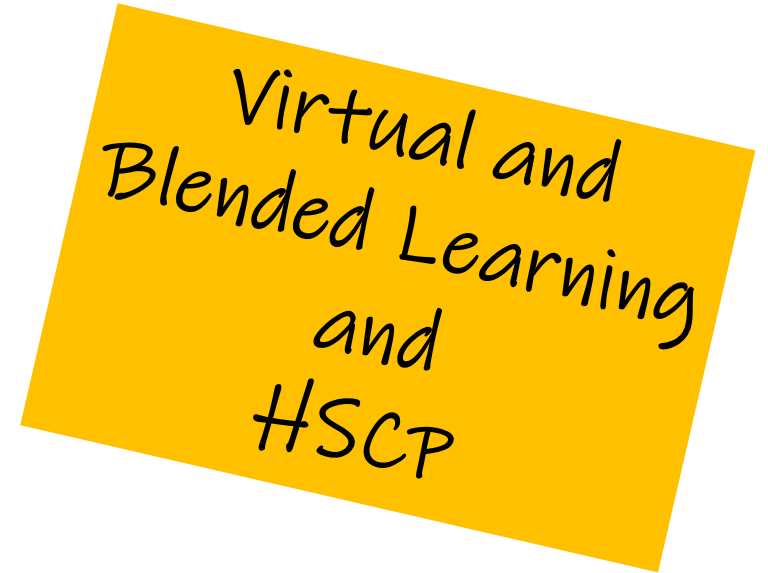
Part 3: Expanded Learning in High School

- 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

	7th – 9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative (VTVLC)	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	Full time programs Traditional programs Home Study programs Flex Programs
High School Completion Program (HSCP)	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 Connect with HS counselor if enrolled in school or local Adult Education and Literacy provider otherwise

Group Discussion

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](#)

[Developmental Disabilities Services Division: Postsecondary Education Opportunities](#)

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