

GISU's Guide to School Choice

Overview:

Grand Isle Supervisory Union serves grades Prek-8 across four school campuses. Grand Isle Elementary and North Hero Elementary provide schooling up to grade 6 and Alburgh Community Education Center and Folsom Education and Community Center provide schooling up to grade 8. Upon completion of 6th or 8th grade, families can select any middle school or high school of their choice to continue their child(ren)'s education. This guide serves to introduce families to many of the excellent schools in our area from which you may choose. These are not your only options, but the options from which a majority of our families choose consistently. Should you have a recommendation for an addition to this guide, please contact David Mills.

Enclosed you will find information on each school including: how to register, main contact, bussing availability, and touring/visits. Should you have questions that are not answered through this guide, please contact your child's current school counselor and they can provide you with guidance.

Alburgh Community Education Center	Grand Isle Elementary & North Hero School	Folsom Education and Community Center
Kathleen Bassett Cramer kcramer@gisu.org (802) 796-3573 x5	Jill Everett jeverett@gisu.org (802) 372-6913 ext. 127	Lexi Wisnowski lwisnowski@gisu.org (802) 395-1657

Registration process:

Once you have selected the school your child(ren) will attend for secondary education, you must do the following:

1. Complete GISU Out of District Enrollment forms:
<http://www.gisu.org/out-of-district-enrollment.html>
 - a. These forms will need to be submitted annually in order for the SU to continue to pay tuition for your child(ren)
2. Complete the registration process for the chosen school.

If you have any questions about the GISU Out of District Enrollment forms, please contact:

Dave Mills
Parent Liaison
(802) 372-6921 x2008
dmills@gisu.org

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Alburgh Community Education Center (ACEC)

45 Champlain Street

Alburgh, VT 05440

(802) 796-3573

<http://www.alburghschool.org/>

ACEC Contact:

Shannon English

Registrar

senglish@gisu.org

796-3573 ext 0

Registration type: Online

Families with limited/no internet should contact the registrar, Shannon English .

To register:

Please go to <http://www.alburghschool.org/new-student-registration.html> where you will find links to the different forms for registering your child.

Bussing information:

This can be discussed with the home-school coordinator, Eric Bushey who can be reached at 796-3573 x3.

Virtual ACEC experience:

Unfortunately at this time there is no online visit available. When students are allowed to visit the school again, they will be able to shadow a student.

More information:

The mission of the Alburgh Community Education Center is to be a community of learners that strives for excellence; values individuality; fosters life-long learning; promotes the development of mind, body and character; and instills a respect for others.

In order to fully engage in this important work, all students should be: safe, responsible, and respectful.

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Folsom Education and Community Center (Folsom)

75 South Street

South Hero, VT 05486

(802) 372-6600

<http://www.gofolsom.org/>

Folsom Contact:

Susan McKelvie

Principal

372-6600

Registration type: Paper

To register:

Pick up the registration paperwork at Folsom or just call and they will mail it to the parents. The end of June is a preferred deadline as it helps with classroom planning.

Bussing information:

This information will be included with their open house information. There will be pick ups and drop offs available for CIUUSD students at the Grand Isle School.

Virtual Folsom experience:

The Middle School Team is creating a virtual open house and tour that will be posted on our website, as well as a FAQ sheet for prospective students.

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Bellows Free Academy (BFA)

71 South Main Street

St. Albans, VT 05478

(802) 527-6555

<https://www.maplerun.org/o/bfa>

BFA Contact

Elaine Archambault

Guidance Director

527-6572

earchambault@maplerun.org

Registration type: Paper

To register:

Registration paperwork can be mailed to you. Please reach out to:

bfaguidance@maplerun.org or 527-6570

Preferred registration deadline of February 15, 2022

Bussing information:

Please contact the main office at 527-6555

Virtual BFA experience:

<https://www.visitbfa.com/>

More information:

The Maple Run Unified School District is where inquiring minds, compassionate hearts, creative expression, healthy lives and service to the community develop so all can learn, achieve and succeed.

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Colchester High School (CHS)

131 Laker Lane
Colchester, VT 05446
(802) 264-5700

<https://www.csdvt.org/chs/>

CHS Contact

Bob Hall
264-5710
robert.hall@colchestersd.org

Registration Type: Online

Families with limited/no internet should call the CHS registrar, Patty Ward, at 264-5713

To register:

<https://www.csdvt.org/district/registration/register.php>

There is no deadline. It is recommended families complete registration by April 16, 2021.

Bussing information:

<https://www.csdvt.org/district/departments/transportation/transport.php>

<https://www.csdvt.org/district/departments/transportation/docs/IslandsBusSchedule.pdf>

Visiting CHS:

CHS is doing shadows and tours this year. Please contact Bob Hall to schedule. The 8th Grade Open House, January 20, 2022, will likely be virtual again this year. Details will be forthcoming.

<https://www.csdvt.org/chs/guidance/documents/presentations/8thgradeopenhouse.pdf>

More information:

CHS prides itself on strong relationships between students and staff. Our greatest asset is our school community. In previous surveys conducted by CHS and GISU, students report feeling welcomed and valued as equal members of the CHS community.

Academically, CHS is very strong with excellent test scores, 11 AP courses, online learning options, expanding concurrent enrollment options, and independent learning opportunities. We also have a variety of support systems in place for all students.

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Colchester Middle School (CMS)

45 Blakely Rd
Colchester, VT 05446
(802) 264-5800

<https://www.csdvt.org/cms/index.php>

CMS Contact

Tina Carroll
264-5802

Tina.Carroll@colchestersd.org

Registration type: Online

Families with limited/no internet should call Tina Carroll.

To register:

Go online to their website (<https://www.csdvt.org/cms/index.php>), and follow the steps. Here you can upload the necessary documents such as birth certificate, proof of residency, and immunization records.

There is no deadline. Student acceptance is done on a “first come first served” basis.

Bussing information:

<https://www.csdvt.org/district/departments/transportation/transport.php>

Virtual CMS experience:

Parents should contact Tina Carroll to set up an appointment.

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Essex High School (EHS)

2 Educational Drive

Essex Junction, VT 05452

(802) 879-7121

<https://www.ewsd.org/EHS>

EHS Contact

Andrew Roy

aroy@ewsd.org

802-857-7111

Registration type: Paper

To register:

Please contact your school counselor for the form or go to the EHS site and print the registration form:

https://www.ewsd.org/cms/lib/VT02217845/Centricity/Domain/171/202021_General_Student_Enrollment_12172020.pdf

Preferred deadline: February 19th to ensure best class selection.

Final deadline: last day of summer vacation before classes start.

Bussing information:

<https://www.ewsd.org/Page/3846>

Virtual EHS experience:

As a brief introduction, 8th graders should check out this [mini virtual tour](#) that EHS put together for all the 8th graders thinking about EHS during COVID.

EHS will be releasing a more comprehensive website including individual videos of every subject area and our specialty programs first thing in the morning on February 1st and some other related videos.

More information:

“I would want a parent or guardian of an 8th grader in the Islands to know that we value our students from the Island communities. We recognize that these youth bring diversity and value to our school community and that is a win for all parties. We believe we have a school that will contribute to the progress for any young person reaching their goals, be that a technical field, in the arts, liberal arts, in the sciences or truly whatever path the student chooses. We have what I believe is the largest offering of courses and electives of any high school in Vermont, and we are partnered closely with the Center for Technology Essex and our students benefit tremendously from the ability to enroll both at EHS and CTE. Our

Academies are unique to EHS and your students will not find another STEM Academy, Global Leadership Program or Academy of Visual and Performing Arts at any other school in Vermont. These academies and the internships, master artist classes, STEM guest presenters or global leaders like the Irish Ambassador (and many more) represent years of dedication by dedicated EHS faculty and also years of thoughtful financial investment from the communities who send students to Essex High School. These Academies and opportunities provide students with belonging, new skills and career development they cannot find anywhere else.

As I said to start this statement, a caregiver from the Islands should know we recognize the dedication that they and their student as a family would making in choosing to come to Essex High School, that we think we have an amazing school for 8th graders is Grand Isle Supervisory Union to be consider, and we value our students from the Islands. We believe that over four years we will help make them the best they can be, and we also believe that they make us the best we can be too.”

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Essex Middle School (EMS)

60 Founders Road

Essex, VT 05452

(802) 879-7173

<https://www.ewsd.org/EMS>

EMS Contacts

Elisha Hall

Registrar

ehall@ewsd.org

Lindsay Falby

School counselor

lfalby@ewsd.org

Preston Randall

School counselor

prandall@ewsd.org

Registration type: Online

To register:

There are three ways for you to get the registration forms:

1. <https://www.ewsd.org/domain/1923>
2. Pick up at EMS: call one of the contacts above to make arrangements

Bussing information:

<https://www.ewsd.org/Page/3850> or call 802-857-7077 or transportation@ewsd.org

Virtual EMS experience:

There is a video on the front page of the website with a student guided tour of the building:

<https://youtu.be/GoNiZLMeTyg>

More information:

Our school wide goal is that each individual feels a sense of belonging and connection with the school community.

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Albert D Lawton Intermediate School (ADL)

104 Maple Street
Essex Jct, VT 05452
(802) 878-1388

<https://www.ewsd.org/ADL>

ADL Contact

Victoria Cooper

Registrar

vcooper@ewsd.org

Registration type: On-Line

Families with limited/no internet should contact Victoria Cooper @ 802 857-7842 for alternate enrollment options

To register:

You must complete the Pre-Enrollment form by going to <https://www.ewsd.org/domain/1921>.

When your Pre-Enrollment form is approved (or rejected) you will receive an email to notify you of this. If approved, that email will contain an access ID and password you'll use to create a parent access account for our PowerSchool system. Parents/guardians who already have an EWSD PowerSchool access account will use this access ID and password to add the new student to their existing account. Once your account is set up you will find the rest of the forms you need to complete in order to finish the registration process. After all forms and required documents have been received, it will take up to a week for the registration request to be approved.

Bussing information:

Bussing is available for students in the Islands. The route can be found here:

<https://www.ewsd.org/Page/3850>

Virtual ADL experience:

Unfortunately at this time there is no online visit available.

More information:

We will foster the love of learning and belief of self in a safe, healthy and caring environment.

We will value and respect the contributions of all members of our learning community by collaborating and connecting with each other.

We will utilize research-based strategies to promote individual growth and encourage positive contributions to the global society.

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Lyndon Institute (LI)
168 Institute Circle
Lyndon Center, Vermont, 05850
(802) 535-3700
<https://www.lyndoninstitute.org/>

LI Contacts

Admissions Coordinators

Chad Simpson

Lauren Belknap

Sara O'Connor

admissions@lyndoninstitute.org

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TikTok - [@lyndoninstitute](#)

School Description:

Founded in 1867, Lyndon Institute is an independent day and boarding school enrolling grades 9-12. Located in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, we strive to provide thoughtful and rigorous preparation for our students to help them reach their intellectual, creative, and physical potential. We offer a 150-course curriculum including AP college prep, honors, STEM, technical certification courses, the fine and performing arts, and 17 athletic teams. Our beautiful campus includes five indoor athletic facilities, an ice arena, nature trails, student center, 2 new dormitories with single rooms, center for the arts, green spaces for students to enjoy, and representation of students from over 20 countries. Our area also hosts a ski resort, golf course, and world-renowned mountain biking. At Lyndon Institute, we provide a student-centered, hands-on learning environment that encourages creativity, critical thinking, and produces students with extraordinary outcomes and endless opportunities for their future.

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Missisquoi Valley Union High School (MVU)

175 Thunderbird Drive

Swanton, VT 05488

(802) 868-7311

<https://www.mvuschool.org/>

MVU Contact

Dee Raleigh

Registrar

Deirdre.Raleigh@mvsdschools.org

Registration type: Paper

To register:

MVU has an electronic form to fill out for registration. The link is

<https://form.jotform.com/202194296145052>.

There are three ways for you to get a hard copy of the registration forms:

1. Pick the forms up at the MVU office: call call Dee Raleigh to make arrangements
2. Recieve in the mail: call Dee Raleigh to make arrangements

You can also contact your child's school counselor for the paperwork

Bussing information:

Here is the link for the bussing from Alburgh to MVU:

http://www.alburghschool.org/uploads/1/1/1/6/111679509/alburgh_to_mv_u_2020-2021_-_sheet1.pdf

Virtual MVU experience:

Unfortunately at this time there is no online visit available. Please contact Dee Raleigh for more information.

More Information:

As a district, we have two focused goals - to improve academic proficiency and safe and healthy schools. Each school - Franklin Central School, Highgate Elementary School, Swanton School, and the Missisquoi Valley Union Middle and High School -has its own continuous improvement plan to meet the needs of its students.

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Northeastern Clinton Central High School (NCCS)

103 Route 276
Champlain, NY 12919
(518) 298-8242

<https://www.nccscougar.org/>

NCCS Contacts

Heidi Pellerin (School counselor for students whose last names begin L-Z)

School counselor

hpellerin@nccscougar.org

Matt Wagar (School counselor for students whose last names begin A-K)

School Counselor

mwagar@nccscougar.org

Registration type: Online

Families with limited/no internet should contact Heidi Pellerin.

To register:

https://www.nccscougar.org/cms/lib/NY02208810/Centricity/Domain/2350/Registration_HS_June_1_20.pdf

Ideally June 1st is the deadline. NCCS will accept students throughout the year.

Bussing information:

Please contact Paul Clancy pclancy@ridesta.com at VT Transportation for bussing information.

Virtual NCCS experience:

A virtual open house is planned for a date to be determined.

More information:

“We are a four-year New York State Public High School located in Champlain, NY. We currently have approximately 375 students in grades 9-12. In addition to our Regents curriculum, we also offer Honors and Dual Enrollment courses to our students. CV-TEC is an option for our students in 11th and 12th grade. Additionally, we have a variety of athletic and extracurricular opportunities available to our students. On average, 70-75% of our graduating seniors attend college. The remaining students enter either the United States Military or the workforce.”

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Rice Memorial High School (Rice)

99 Proctor Avenue
South Burlington, VT 05403
(802) 862-6521
<https://www.rmhsvt.org/>

Rice Contact

Name: Stacy Bessette- Director of Admissions
Phone Number: (802) 862-6521 ext. 2246
Email Address: bessette@rmhsvt.org

Registration type: Online only : <https://rmhsvt.myschoolapp.com>

To register:

Website link here: <https://rmhsvt.myschoolapp.com>
Or feel free to contact me with my above information.

Preferred deadline: February 11, 2022

Final deadline: Rolling Enrollment-February deadline secures registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

Bussing information: Nothing is offered at this time, however our administration is working on transportation for students.

Virtual/in person Rice experience: Please see our website for up to date events.

<https://www.rmhsvt.org/admissions>

Upcoming events:

- 1/8/22-Tour of school, pizza party and varsity boys basketball game & meet and greet.
- 1/29/22- Parent tours and coffee hour & student and parents guest speakers.
- Shadow days are available by contacting Stacy Bessette and scheduling an appointment.
- Personal school tours-by appointment.

More information:

The Importance of Preparation:

Rice Memorial High School has a long-established reputation for academic rigor. As part of its stated mission to recognize and encourage the potential of each student, Rice provides opportunities for students to grow, develop deep academic interests, and prepare for college

and careers. An emphasis on mastering fundamentals underlies the freshman and sophomore curriculum.

Learning those fundamentals early allows students to explore different paths of academic interest junior and senior year. Flexibility also allows students to move between college prep and honors courses depending on their readiness, interests and course load. Impressively for a mid-sized school, Rice offers 17 honors classes and 14 Advanced Placement classes (and growing!), providing diverse options for students to pursue as they fall in love with an academic field.

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South Burlington High School (SBHS)

500 Dorset Street
South Burlington, VT 05403
(802) 652-7250

<https://www.sbschools.net/Domain/8>

SBHS Contact

Meghan Sweet
Director of School Counseling
msweet@sbschools.net
652-7523

Registration type: Online

Families with limited/no internet should contact Peg Adams, registrar at
padams@sbschools.net, 802-652-7585

To register:

<https://www.sbschools.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1654>

Preferably by March 11, 2022

Bussing information:

<https://www.sbschools.net/Page/86>

SBHS information and visits:

- SBHS will host visitors this year. To set up a visit please contact, Stephanie Hyatt, Student Engagement coordinator, shyatt@sbschools.net, 802-652-7131
- SBHS will host an evening for students and families to learn about programs, curriculum, athletics and activities as well as tour the school on February 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

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Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School (FHTMS)

500 Dorset Street

South Burlington, VT 05403

(802) 652-7100

<https://www.sbschools.net/FHTMS>

FHTMS Contact

Julie Brancato

jbrancato@sbschools.net

802-652-7103

Registration type: Online only

To register:

Using the link below, parents can start the enrollment process. **Registration opens in March and it is highly recommended to complete registration by June 1st** before the Registrar departs for the summer. Please direct all questions to the Registrar, Julie Brancato, jbrancato@sbschools.net or 802-652-7103

Please also be sure to provide residency verification to David Mills so that he can provide tuition vouchers to FHTMS by August 15th.

Note: The FHTMS Registrar's office closes for the summer starting June 15th and opens on August 15th.

Parents can certainly complete the online process over the summer but registrations are on a first come first serve basis when the Registrar returns on August 15th.

Registration Link:

<https://www.sbschools.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1654>

Bus Transportation information:

Please check the South Burlington School District Transportation website in early August for transportation info:

<https://www.sbschools.net/Page/1260>

FHTMS Visiting experience: :

This is to be determined. Please contact Julie Brancato for more information.

More information:

Since 1968, Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School has been inspiring learners to make a positive difference in the world.

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