

Report on Act 77 of 2013

Section 2 (b)(1) Analysis of issues relating to providing dual enrollment opportunities to publicly funded students enrolled in Vermont approved independent schools

REPORT

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2014**

**Analysis, Report and Recommendations
on Dual Enrollment Program to the House
and Senate Committees on Education**

Submitted by Secretary Rebecca Holcombe



Legislation

[Act 77 of 2013](#) An Act Relating to Encouraging Flexible Pathways to Secondary School Completion

Summary of Legislation

This act creates a Flexible Pathways Initiative within the Agency of Education to expand opportunities for secondary students to complete high school and achieve postsecondary readiness. Among other things, the act provides the opportunity for each high school student to enroll in two dual enrollment courses at no expense to the student, authorizes the development of additional early college programs through which students complete 12th grade entirely on a college campus, and removes the upper age limit for participation in the High School Completion Program. The Act includes multiple effective dates, beginning July 1, 2013.

For the purposes of this report, Section 2 of the Act, “Dual Enrollment; Transition; Funding; Non-Operating Districts”, states:

(b)(1) The Secretary shall analyze issues relating to providing dual enrollment opportunities pursuant to Sec. 1 of this act to publicly funded students enrolled in Vermont approved independent schools. Specifically, the analysis shall include:

- (A) the anticipated utilization of dual enrollment opportunities;
- (B) the anticipated financial impact on sending school districts;
- (C) the ways in which sending school districts will ensure student participation in a personalized learning planning process and inclusion of dual enrollment in the student’s plan; and
- (D) other financial and programmatic issues related to dual enrollment access by publicly funded students enrolled in approved independent schools.

(2) On or before February 1, 2014, the Secretary shall report the results of the analysis to the House and Senate Committees on Education together with any recommendations for amendment to statutes or rules, including whether it would be advisable to amend or repeal Sec. 1, 16 V.S.A. § 944(b)(1)(A)(i)(III) (eligibility of publicly funded student enrolled in Vermont approved independent school).

Findings

This initial report comes due a mere six months from the initiation of the expansion, one semester into the program. Therefore, the results cannot be used conclusively on their own. However, historical data is to some extent available, and we have heard from the field some important anecdotal feedback on the program operations thus far.

Anticipated Utilization of Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Data Provided by Natalie Searle, Coordinator for the Vermont State Colleges Management Contract

Vermont Dual Enrollment Voucher Usage	
Year	Total
Dual Enrollment Vouchers Summer 2012	436
Dual Enrollment Vouchers Fall 2012	151
Dual Enrollment Vouchers Spring 2013	202
Total Dual Enrollment Vouchers for Academic Year 2012-2013	789
Total number of Vermont High School Juniors & Seniors	12,146
Dual Enrollment Vouchers Summer 2013	
Dual Enrollment Vouchers Summer 2013	516
Dual Enrollment Vouchers Fall 2013	237
Dual Enrollment Vouchers Spring 2014 <i>Based on current registration numbers as of 1/30/14</i>	754
Total ANTICIPATED Dual Enrollment Vouchers for Academic Year 2013-2014 <i>Spring numbers confirmed in March 2014</i>	1,507
Total number of Vermont High School Juniors & Seniors	12,332

Anticipated Financial Impact on Sending School Districts

Prior to 2016, the dual enrollment program is funded entirely through state funds. Following 2016, 50% of the payment will fall to the local districts. However, we have created the attached table to show financial impact on local districts if 50% of the payment were to be covered in this academic year.

High School Dual Enrollment Voucher Use								
High School Summer 2013	D E#	High School Fall 2013	D E#	High School Spring 2014 anticipat ed	D E#	Total School AY 2013- 2014 based on anticip ated Spring #	Total Cost	Anticipat ed Local Cost if it was FY 16
Alternative HS Program	3	Alternative HS Program	2			5	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 1,740.00
Arlington Memorial HS	1			Arlington Memorial HS	3	4	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 1,392.00
		Avalon Triumvirate Academy	2			2	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 696.00
Bellows Falls UHS	4	Bellows Falls UHS	2			6	\$ 4,176.00	\$ 2,088.00
BFA Fairfax	2	BFA Fairfax	5	BFA Fairfax	19	26	\$ 18,096.00	\$ 9,048.00
BFA St. Albans	16	BFA St. Albans	4	BFA St. Albans	11	31	\$ 21,576.00	\$ 10,788.00
		Black River MS/HS	2	Black River MS/HS	1	3	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 1,044.00
Brattleboro UHS	5	Brattleboro UHS	24			29	\$ 20,184.00	\$ 10,092.00
Burlington HS	38	Burlington HS	18	Burlingto n HS	50	106	\$ 73,776.00	\$ 36,888.00
Burr & Burton Academy	2	Burr & Burton Academy	4	Burr & Burton Academy	16	22	\$ 15,312.00	\$ 7,656.00
Cabot School	2	Cabot School	2	Cabot School	1	5	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 1,740.00
Canaan Memorial HS	1			Canaan Memorial HS	3	4	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 1,392.00
Champlain Valley Union	28	Champlain Valley Union	9	Champlai n Valley UHS	26	63	\$ 43,848.00	\$ 21,924.00
Chelsea Public School	1			Chelsea Public School	3	4	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 1,392.00

Colchester HS	8	Colchester HS	2	Colchester HS	11	21	\$ 14,616.00	\$ 7,308.00
Concord HS	1			Concord HS	1	2	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 696.00
Craftsbury Academy	1	Craftsbury Academy	5	Craftsbury Academy	4	10	\$ 6,960.00	\$ 3,480.00
Danville	1	Danville	1	Danville	1	3	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 1,044.00
Enosburg MS/HS	7	Enosburg MS/HS	4	Enosburg MS/HS	5	16	\$ 11,136.00	\$ 5,568.00
Essex HS	29	Essex HS	6	Essex HS	58	93	\$ 64,728.00	\$ 32,364.00
Fair Haven	10	Fair Haven	11	Fair Haven	4	25	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 8,700.00
		Green Mountain UHS	3			3	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 1,044.00
Hanover HS	1					1	\$ 696.00	\$ 348.00
Hartford	4	Hartford	1	Hartford	13	18	\$ 12,528.00	\$ 6,264.00
Harwood UHS	25	Harwood UHS	5	Harwood UHS	9	39	\$ 27,144.00	\$ 13,572.00
Hazen UHS	3	Hazen UHS	9	Hazen UHS	20	32	\$ 22,272.00	\$ 11,136.00
Homeschooled	7	Homeschooled	17	Homeschooled	34	58	\$ 40,368.00	\$ 20,184.00
Lake Region UHS	23	Lake Region UHS	1	Lake Region UHS	48	72	\$ 50,112.00	\$ 25,056.00
Lamoille UHS	6	Lamoille UHS	14	Lamoille UHS	24	44	\$ 30,624.00	\$ 15,312.00
Leland & Gray UHS	1			Leland & Gray UHS	2	3	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 1,044.00
Lyndon Institute	4	Lyndon Institute	16	LiHigh School	1	1	\$ 696.00	\$ 348.00
Middlebury UHS	7			Lyndon Institute	15	35	\$ 24,360.00	\$ 12,180.00
Mill River UHS	3	Mill River UHS	10	Middlebury UHS	5	12	\$ 8,352.00	\$ 4,176.00
Milton HS	5			Mill River UHS	19	32	\$ 22,272.00	\$ 11,136.00
Mississquoi Valley UHS	12	Mississquoi Valley UHS	2	Milton HS	10	15	\$ 10,440.00	\$ 5,220.00
Montpelier HS	13	Montpelier HS	3	Mississquoi Valley UHS	12	26	\$ 18,096.00	\$ 9,048.00
Mt. Abraham UHS	4	Mt. Abraham	1	Montpelier HS	7	23	\$ 16,008.00	\$ 8,004.00
Mt. Anthony UHS	27	Mt. Anthony UHS	3	Mt. Abraham UHS	8	13	\$ 9,048.00	\$ 4,524.00
Mt. Mansfield UHS	39	Mt. Mansfield UHS	5	Mt. Anthony UHS	27	57	\$ 39,672.00	\$ 19,836.00
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North Country UHS	22	North Country UHS	8	UHS North Country UHS	23	53	\$ 36,888.00	\$ 18,444.00
Northfield MS/HS	2	Northfield MS/HS	1	Northfield MS/HS	15	18	\$ 12,528.00	\$ 6,264.00
Otter Valley UHS	2	Otter Valley UHS	2	Otter Valley UHS	9	13	\$ 9,048.00	\$ 4,524.00
Oxbow HS	1			Oxbow HS	3	4	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 1,392.00
Peoples Academy	9	Peoples Academy	4	Peoples Academy	11	24	\$ 16,704.00	\$ 8,352.00
Poultney HS	3			Poultney HS	2	5	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 1,740.00
		Proctor Jr/Sr HS	1	Proctor Jr/Sr HS	5	6	\$ 4,176.00	\$ 2,088.00
Randolph UHS	7	Randolph UHS	4	Randolph UHS	12	23	\$ 16,008.00	\$ 8,004.00
Rice Memorial HS	9	Rice Memorial	1			10	\$ 6,960.00	\$ 3,480.00
Richford Jr/Sr HS	3	Richford Jr/Sr HS	2	Richford Jr/Sr HS	4	9	\$ 6,264.00	\$ 3,132.00
Rivendell Academy	3			Rivendell Academy	3	6	\$ 4,176.00	\$ 2,088.00
		Rochester School	1	Rochester School	1	2	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 696.00
Rutland HS	7	Rutland HS	2	Rutland HS	5	14	\$ 9,744.00	\$ 4,872.00
Sharon Academy	3	Sharon Academy	1	Sharon Academy	3	7	\$ 4,872.00	\$ 2,436.00
South Burlington HS	34	South Burlington HS	4	South Burlington HS	18	56	\$ 38,976.00	\$ 19,488.00
		South Royalton HS	1	South Royalton HS	2	3	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 1,044.00
Spaulding HS	5	Spaulding HS	1	Spaulding HS	15	21	\$ 14,616.00	\$ 7,308.00
		Springfield HS	1	Springfield HS	42	43	\$ 29,928.00	\$ 14,964.00
St. Johnsbury Academy	4	St. Johnsbury Academy	1			5	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 1,740.00
Stowe HS	10	Stowe HS	1	Stowe HS	3	14	\$ 9,744.00	\$ 4,872.00
Thetford Academy	1	Thetford Academy	2			3	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 1,044.00
		Twin Valley UHS	1	Twin Valley UHS	2	4	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 1,392.00
Twinfield UHS	1	Twinfield UHS	2	Twinfield UHS	13	15	\$ 10,440.00	\$ 5,220.00
Union 32	10	Union 32	4	Union 32	11	25	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 8,700.00
Vergennes	2	Vergennes UHS	3	Vergennes UHS	3	8	\$ 5,568.00	\$ 2,784.00

Vermont Commons School	4		Vermont Commons School	2	6	\$ 4,176.00	\$ 2,088.00
West Rutland School	2	West Rutland School	3	11	16	\$ 11,136.00	\$ 5,568.00
Williamstown MS/HS	4	Whitcomb Jr/Sr HS Williamstown MS/HS	2	3	5	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 1,740.00
Winooski HS	7	Winooski HS	2	5	5	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 1,740.00
Woodstock UHS	4	Woodstock UHS	5	7	16	\$ 11,136.00	\$ 5,568.00

Ways in Which Sending School Districts Will Ensure Student Participation in a Personalized Learning Planning Process and Inclusion of Dual Enrollment in the Student's Plan

Sending school districts will not be able to ensure student participation in a personalized learning plan process. It is the opinion of the Agency that it would be the responsibility of the independent school at which the student is in attendance to ensure the personalized learning planning process occurs for all eligible students. The Agency can communicate this requirement via a stated memo and guidance provided to the independent schools to which this requirement would apply.

Other Financial and Programmatic Issues Related to Dual Enrollment Access by Publicly Funded Students Enrolled in Approved Independent Schools

The Vermont Agency of Education supports the legislation as written regarding Independent Schools issue.

Percentage of Publicly Funded Students Enrolled in the Four Approved Independent Academies:

1. Thetford Academy: 90%
2. Burr and Burton Academy: 89%
3. Lyndon Institute: 84%
4. St. Johnsbury Academy: 68%

Voucher Usage by Independent School

Semester	Independent School	Voucher
Summer 2012		
	Bellcate	2
	Burke Mtn Academy	1
	Eagle Hill School, MA	1
	Green Mtn Valley School	1
	Horizon School	1
	Lake Champlain Waldorf	3
	Pioneer Valley School	1
	Rice Memorial HS	11
	St. Johnsbury Academy	1
	Thetford Academy	3
	United Christian Academy	1
	Vermont Commons School	2
	Websterville Baptist Christian School	2
	Total Voucher Usage Summer 2012	30
Fall 2012		
	Burr & Burton Academy	1
	Lake Champlain Waldorf	1
	New School of Montpelier	1
	St. Johnsbury Academy	1
	Websterville Baptist Christian School	1
	Total Voucher Usage Fall 2012	5
Spring 2013		
	Burr & Burton Academy	1
	Horizon School	1
	Mt. St Joseph Academy	3
	Oak Meadow School	1
	Sharon Academy	2
	St. Johnsbury Academy	5
	United Christian Academy	2
	Vermont Commons School	1
	Websterville Baptist Christian School	1
	Lake Champlain Waldorf School	1
	Total Voucher Usage Spring 2013	18
Summer 2013		
	Burr & Burton Academy	2
	Central Vermont Academy	1

	Compass School	1
	Grace Christian	1
	Lyndon Institute	4
	Maplehill School	1
	Mt. St Joseph Academy	2
	Rice Memorial HS	8
	Sharon Academy	3
	St. Johnsbury Academy	4
	Vermont Commons School	2
	United Christian Academy	1
	Websterville Baptist Christian School	3
	Total Voucher Usage Summer 2013	33
Fall 2013		
	Avalon Triumvirate Academy	2
	Burr & Burton Academy	4
	Lyndon Institute	14
	Rice Memorial HS	1
	Sharon Academy	1
	St. Johnsbury Academy	2
	Total Voucher Usage Fall 2013	24
<i>Spring 2014</i>	<i>Available middle of semester</i>	





