



**Vermont State
University**

H. Education Committee – Early College Testimony

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Vermont State's flexible pathways are approachable

By offering three different tracks,
students can explore VTSU at varying
levels.

Early College

Vermont Academy of
Science and Technology
(VAST)

Dual Enrollment

Early College Program

Available at all residential campus locations

- Must be a high school senior and able to attend full-time
- Enroll in our exploratory program, but can focus on a degree path
- Earn their high school diploma from sending school or home-study

We're



Caring

Together

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VAST Program

Available at Randolph and Williston

- Can enroll in a degree program or exploratory program
- Must enroll with 15 credits, including a year of English, math, and science
- Must maintain a 2.0 GPA to earn a VAST diploma. Students can work with sending school to earn a second diploma

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Early College and VAST by the Numbers

Early College

- 98 students enrolled in Early College
- 45 students earned a 3.6 cumulative GPA
- Students who averaged a 2.5 GPA or higher received a VTSU Better Together Scholarship and work \$2,000 per year to continue at VTSU. 80/98 students qualified

VAST

- 34 students enrolled in VAST
- 17 students earned a 3.6 cumulative GPA
- Students who averaged a 2.0 GPA or higher received a VTSU Better Together Scholarship and work \$2,000 per year to continue at VTSU. 31/34 students qualified

Together, both programs provide entry to higher education

In 2023-2024 academic year:

- 33% of students were First-Generation
- 48% of students were not First-Gen
- 11 different academic programs were studied



Dual Enrollment Programing

Vermont State University meets students where they want to be

We provide access to student to our courses on campus, online, in their high school, and CTE:

Dual Enrollment

- Students can take up to two courses using the voucher free of charge
- They can take on a residential campus or online
- Any 1000-2000 level course
- Credits can transfer into a degree or certificate

Concurrent Enrollment

- Courses are delivered to students in their high school by their high school teacher
- Students can use state vouchers or pay per credit at a deeply discounted rate
- Credits are awarded by VTSU and are transferable

Fast Forward

- Courses are delivered to students in their CTE by technical center teachers
- Courses are billed by class, so students do not pay or need to use vouchers.
- There is no cap on the number of courses a student can take in Fast Forward
- Credits are awarded by VTSU and are transferable.

Dual Enrollment by the Numbers

2023-2024 academic year:

Dual Enrollment

- Summer 2023, we had 49 students take dual enrollment courses.
- 37 used dual enrollment vouchers
- 62 students enrolled Fall 2023

Concurrent Enrollment

- 93 students enrolled
- 40 courses
- More to come in the Spring 2024 term

Fast Forward

- 58 students enrolled
- 8 different courses
- More to come in the Spring 2024 term

Questions