

# Study Committee Membership

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<b>Type of Union School District Being Proposed</b>	<b>Type of School District on Study Committee</b>	<b>Study Committee Membership</b>
<p>Proposed Unified Union School District (organized to provide education in grades prek-12)</p>	<p>Existing Union Elementary or Union High School District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The interests of the existing union school district shall be represented by its member districts* on the study committee</li> <li>• If the existing union school district does not have any member districts because all towns for which it is organized are members of both a union elementary school district and a union high school district, then the existing union school district shall represent its own interests on the study committee, and the towns within it shall not participate on its behalf.</li> <li>• If a town is a member of both a union elementary school district and a union high school district, is not independently organized as a district that is responsible for the education of students in any grade, and does not have a town school district board, then notwithstanding other provisions to the contrary:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To the extent possible, the boards of the union elementary and union high</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p>school districts of which the town is a member shall make a reasonable attempt, jointly, to appoint a member to the study committee who resides in the town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The legislative body or appropriate officer of the town shall perform electoral functions, including warning meetings and conducting the voting process, ordinarily performed by and in member districts on behalf of a union school district.</li> </ul>
<p>Proposed Unified Union School District (organized to provide education in grades prek-12) cont.</p>	<p>Existing Unified Union School District (study committee considering a NEW UUSD—enlarging current district is covered in 16 V.S.A. § 721)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The existing unified union school district shall represent its own interests on the study committee, and the towns within it shall not participate on its behalf.</li> <li>● To the extent possible, the board of the existing unified union school district shall make a</li> </ul>

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		<p>reasonable attempt to appoint members to the study committee who reside in each town within the district.</p>
<p>Proposed Union Elementary School District or Union High School District (organized to provide fewer than all grades)</p>	<p>Union Elementary or Union High School District (study committee considering a NEW UESD/UHSD—enlarging current district is covered in 16 V.S.A. § 721)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing union school district shall represent its own interests on the study committee, and the member districts of the existing union school district shall not participate on its behalf.</li> <li>• To the extent possible, the board of the existing union school district shall make a reasonable attempt to appoint members to the study committee who reside in each of the member districts within the existing union school district.</li> </ul>

\* 16 V.S.A. § 702(4) “Member district” means a school district, which can be a union school district, that is a member of a union elementary school district or a union high school district for certain grades, prekindergarten through grade 12, and is a distinct district organized to provide for the education of its resident students for all other grades, whether by operating one or more schools or paying tuition.