

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
Katie Letourneau kletourneau@gisu.org (802) 796-3573 x6	Ashley Hanlon (GI) ahanlon@gisu.org (802) 372-6913 Amanda Ellison (NH) aellison@gisu.org (802) 372-8866 Marlowe Newman (CIUUSD) mnewman@gisu.org	Jennifer Lyon-Horne jlyonhorne@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 (in any order):

1. Complete the registration process for the chosen school.
2. Complete GISU Out of District Enrollment forms
 - a. Please choose your town of residence from the list below to retrieve the necessary form:
 - i. [Alburgh](#)
 - ii. [Grand Isle](#)
 - iii. [Isle La Motte](#)
 - iv. [North Hero](#)
 - v. [South Hero](#)

3. Complete the [Request for Public Tuition Funding](#). This form must be submitted to the GISU office on an annual basis to confirm student information.

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)

Grades 7&8
45 Champlain Street
Alburgh, VT 05440
(802) 796-3573
[ACEC Website](#)

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 <https://www.alburghschool.org/o/acec/page/new-student-registration> where you will find links to the different forms for registering your child.

Bussing information:

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

Visiting ACEC:

Students are welcome to come for a visit or shadow a student. Please contact Shannon to make arrangements.

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)

Grades 7&8
75 South Street
South Hero, VT 05486
(802) 372-6600
[Folsom Website](#)

Folsom Contact:

Julie Pidgeon

jpidgeon@gisu.org

Principal

372-6600

Registration type: Paper

To register:

Pick up the registration paperwork at Folsom or call to have it mailed. The end of June is a preferred deadline as it helps with classroom planning.

Bussing information:

This information is available on the school website at this [link](#). There will be pick ups and drop offs available for CIUUSD students at the Grand Isle School.

Visiting Folsom:

Folsom welcomes prospective students who wish to visit the school. Call the office at 802-372-6600 to make arrangements.

More Information:

At Folsom, we are a positive learning community that strives to develop academically prepared, civic-minded and socially conscious students. Our students will be thinkers, creators and problem-solvers. We teach them to persist toward goals, grow from challenges, and believe in their potential.

Students in our middle school benefit from small class sizes and the opportunity to work closely with teachers. We provide individual attention so all learners succeed. We have a vibrant arts program that includes instrumental and vocal music and a fall arts festival. Students will experience personal learning goals, a science fair, theater, three seasons of sports (soccer, basketball, track), a ski trip, and many after-school clubs. In addition, we have student-led Community Groups of multi-age, kindergarten through eighth-grade students that meet once a month to learn and play together as part of our mission to build a strong community. We welcome new members to our community!

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Bellows Free Academy (BFA)

Grades 9 thru 12
71 South Main Street
St. Albans, VT 05478
(802) 527-6555
[BFA Website](#)

BFA Contact

Elaine Archambault
Guidance Director
527-6572
earchambault@maplerun.org

Registration type: Online or Paper

To register:

Please go to the [Online Registration](#) on the Maple Run Unified School District website. Click on Student Registration and then Register a New Student.

To complete the registration by paper, please drop by the BFA connector desk during school hours or email bfaguidance@maplerun.org to request a packet.

Bussing information:

Please contact the main office at 527-6555

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)

Grades 9 thru 12
131 Laker Lane
Colchester, VT 05446
(802) 264-5700
[CHS Website](#)

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 12, 2024.

Bussing information:

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fvNvD65ccbB6LUcD4S3IfNEqfRlrHgo6eWNlbfEx6C0/edit>

Visiting CHS:

CHS is doing shadows and tours this year. Please contact Bob Hall to schedule.
The 8th Grade Open House, January 23, 2025, is open to all prospective students and families.

Please check the CHS website for more information regarding the open house.

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)

Grades 7&8
45 Blakely Rd
Colchester, VT 05446
(802) 264-5800
[CMS Website](#)

CMS Contact

Aubrie Stenta
264-5802
Aubrie.stenta@colchestersd.org

Registration type: Online

Families with limited/no internet should call Aubrie Stenta.

To register:

Go online to their website (<https://www.csdvt.org/cms/index.php>) and click the orange Registration/Verification link at the top of the page 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>

Visiting CMS:

Parents should contact Aubrie Stenta or your school counselor to set up an appointment for in person or shadowing opportunities.

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Essex High School (EHS)

Grades 9 thru 12

2 Educational Drive

Essex Junction, VT 05452

(802) 879-7121

[EHS Website](#)

EHS Contact

Ben Skoglund

Director of School Counseling

bskoglund@ewsd.org

Tour Dates for incoming 9th graders: 1/22/25 and 1/29/25

Registration type: Both must be completed!

EHS Registration - Pre enrollment must be completed before course requests are entered by EHS staff. The deadline is 2/07/2025

Course Request Registration - paper packets are provided by your current school counselor. Completed forms are due back to them by 2/14/2025

To register for 25-26 courses at EHS:

Please contact your current school counselor for the course registration forms AND go to the EHS site and complete the 1 page pre-enrollment form also found here:

<https://www.ewsd.org/page/new-student-enrollment>

After you complete that 1 page pre-enrollment, you will receive an email from Powerschool with instructions to complete the full online enrollment.

Bussing information:

<https://www.ewsd.org/o/ewsd/page/transportation>

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. Please also check out our 8th grade transition page for more information:

<https://www.ewsd.org/o/ehs/page/8th-grade-transition>

More information from the Director of School Counseling:

"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 in Grand Isle Supervisory Union to 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)

Grades 7&8

60 Founders Road

Essex, VT 05452

(802) 879-7173

[EMS Website](#)

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 two ways for you to get the registration forms:

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

Bussing information:

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

More information:

Our school wide goal is that We Are All Essential.

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Albert D Lawton Intermediate School (ADL)

Grades 7&8

**104 Maple Street
Essex Jct, VT 05452
(802) 878-1388
[ADL Website](#)**

ADL Contact

Katie Bagnall
Registrar
kbagnall@ewsd.org

Registration type: On-Line

Families with limited/no internet should contact Katie Bagnall @ 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)
Grades 9 thru 12
168 Institute Circle
Lyndon Center, Vermont, 05850
(802) 535-3700
[LI Website](#)

LI Contacts

Admissions Coordinators
Chad Simpson
Lauren Belknap
admissions@lyndoninstitute.org

Information

[Course Catalog](#)
[January Term Catalog](#)
[Virtual Tour](#)
[Apply for 5 Day or 7 Day Boarding](#)

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TikTok - @lyndoninstitute

School Description:

Welcome to Lyndon Institute

We learn not for school, but for life. Founded in 1867, Lyndon Institute is a comprehensive town academy dedicated to providing a unique educational experience for grades 9-12. The ways our students approach new learning experiences helps to shape their character and leads to a lifetime of opportunities and good citizenship.

Through caring guidance and unwavering support, our students are inspired to face academic, creative, athletic, technological, and social growth with confidence, determination, and joy.

Located in the scenic and historic Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, our school is a key resource for our entire community. The 130-acre campus hosts 34 buildings, including the Alumni Gymnasium and 650-seat auditorium, and the John L. Norris, Jr. Center for the Arts. The 300-acre Edwin Binney Memorial Forest, located on Burke Mountain, provides numerous outdoor recreation and educational opportunities.

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Milton High School (MHS)

Grades 9 thru 12
17 Rebecca Lander Dr
Milton, VT 05468
(802) 893-5400
[MHS Website](#)

MHS Contact

Thea Smet
Guidance Administrative Assistant
802-893-5374
tsmet@mymtsd-vt.org

Registration Type:

Online

To register:

Please visit:

<https://www.mtsd-vt.org/apps/pages/registration>

Questions about registration, please contact Jennifer Saunders, Registrar, at jsaunders@mymtsd-vt.org or 802-893-5302.

Visiting MHS:

Parents should contact Thea Smet to set up an appointment for in-person shadowing opportunities. For interested students and families, we will have a High School Step-Up night in the Spring.

More information:

Milton High School is an inclusive and supportive educational community that has an enrollment of approximately 440 students in grades 9 through 12. MHS provides students with a comprehensive, broad-based curriculum with no curricular tracks. There are over 100 courses offered. MHS offers flexible pathways where students choose from a range of study options that will help them accomplish their college and career goals. These pathways may include traditional courses, dual enrollment, early college, courses at local tech centers, internships/work-based learning, and online classes through Virtual High School.

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Missisquoi Valley Union High School (MVU)

Grades 7 thru 12
175 Thunderbird Drive
Swanton, VT 05488
(802) 868-7311
[MVU Website](#)

MVU Contact

Carol Dunphy

Registrar

carol.dunphy@mvsdschools.org

Registration type: Paper

To register:

Contact Carol Dunphy at the main office to obtain a hard copy.

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 Carol Dunphy to make arrangements
2. Receive in the mail: call Carol Dunphy to make arrangements
3. Contact your child's school counselor for the paperwork

Bussing information:

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

[MVU Bus Route](#)

Virtual MVU experience:

Unfortunately at this time there is no online visit available. Please contact Carol Dunphy 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)

Grades 7 thru 12
103 Route 276
Champlain, NY 12919
(518) 298-8242
[NCCS Website](#)

NCCS Contacts

Matt Wagar (School counselor for students whose last names begin A-K)
School Counselor
mwagar@nccscougar.org

Amy Racine (School counselor for students whose last names begin L-Z)
School counselor
amyracine@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.

Visiting NCCS:

Check with your school counselor in regards to a shadow day.

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)

Grades 9 thru 12

99 Proctor Avenue

South Burlington, VT 05403

(802) 862-6521

[Rice Website](#)

Rice Contact

Name: Stacy Bessette- Director of Admissions

Name: Heatherly Allard-Director of International Admissions

Phone Number: (802) 862-6521 ext. 2246

Email Address: Stacy Bessette- bessette@rmhsvt.org

Email Address: Heatherly Allard- allard@rmhsvt.org

Registration type: Online applications 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 24, 2025

Final deadline: Rolling Enrollment-February deadline secures registration and spot for your child for the 2025-2026 school year.

Bussing information: We have an active bus running from Georgia each morning to bring students to Rice, due to high interest from that school.

Please refer to our website for updated information as it becomes available.

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

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

Upcoming events:

- To see our upcoming events, please click here on this link
<https://www.rmhsvt.org/admissions-events>
- Shadow days are available by registering here <https://www.rmhsvt.org/shadow-day>
- Shadow days are available Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from November 7-March 6, 2025.
- Personal school tours-by appointment only please.

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 of 400 students, 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)

Grades 9 thru 12

500 Dorset Street

South Burlington, VT 05403

(802) 652-7000

[SBHS Website](#)

SBHS Contact

Meg Hughart

Director of School Counseling

mhughart@sbschools.net

802- 652-7523

Registration type: Online

Families with limited/no internet should contact Julie Brancato, Registrar at

jbrancato@sbschools.net, 802-652-7585

To register for the 2024-2025 School Year:

[SBHS Registration 2024-2025 School Year](#)

Bussing information:

[SBHS Transportation](#)

SBHS Information and Visits:

- **December 18th** - Shadow Day - 8th Grade Students not attending FHTMS can sign up to attend one shadow day by [completing this form](#). Once we receive the form, Melissa Baker will contact you to confirm your visit and pair you with an ambassador. Shadow days will have a limit of 10 students per day.
- **January 16th** - Shadow Day - see Dec 18th information
- **January 22nd** - SBHS 8th grade Academic Information Night for all incoming FHTMS, Georgia, and Grand Isle County students & families. (snow date 1/30), 7-830pm
- **mid-February** - Course selections returned to Middle School counselors (okay to wait if still contemplating school decision)
- **February 13th** - Shadow Day - see Dec 18th information
- **March 1st** - New Student Registration [New Student Portal](#)
- **May 22nd** - Step Up Night for all incoming 9th grade students and families, in SBHS Auditorium 7-8:15pm
- **mid-August** - Finalized schedules live in PowerSchool-look for an email to students/families with information about schedules

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Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School (FHTMS)

Grades 7&8

500 Dorset Street

South Burlington, VT 05403

(802) 652-7100

[FHTMS Website](#)

FHTMS Contact

Dave Hyatt

dhyatt@sbschools.net

802-652-7102

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 assistant principal, Dave Hyatt, dhyatt@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:

Please contact Dave Hyatt, Assistant Principal at FHTMS, for more information regarding shadow days at FHTMS. Contact information is listed above.

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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