



BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY

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Dear Families:

As in previous years, our school board has chosen to participate in the Winooski Valley Regional Public School Choice Collaborative for 2024-25. Through this program and the state school choice program, students may apply to go to any public high school in Vermont at no cost.

The Vermont Legislature passed a law in May 2012 (Act 129, Sec. 34. 822d 2A) which allows high school students to apply through school choice to any public high school in Vermont. This law sets rules for school districts regarding the number of entering and exiting student slots allowed through school choice. Students are chosen by lottery from all the applicants for each school district based on the number of open slots. You may view the school choice information at the Vermont Agency of Education website:

<https://education.vermont.gov/vermont-schools/school-operations/public-schools/public-high-school-choice>

If your student is interested in attending a high school outside of your district next year, please access the application on our website (<https://www.bfafairfax.com/o/bfa/page/registration>) and return it to Rhonda Masse (rmasse@fwsu.org) by **Friday, February 23, 2024. Our deadline is Feb 23rd due to the school break.**

Notifications will be mailed to families April 1, 2024. You will need to confirm (to both sending and receiving schools) whether your student will accept or decline the placement by April 15, 2024. If you do not confirm placement by this date, your slot may be given to another student if the school has a waiting list.

Parents are responsible for providing their student's transportation if they are chosen.

If you have any questions, please contact the high school counseling office.

Sincerely,

Katherine McElroy
Director of School Counseling

**WINOOSKI VALLEY REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE
COLLABORATIVE
Under Act 129 (Sec. 34. § 822d 2A)**

2024-2025 School Year Registration Form

**** Applications may not be made in anticipation of a move to another district. ****

Student Name: _____ Grade Fall 2024: _____

Sending High School: _____

Legal Town of Residence: _____

Male/Female: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Tel #: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Student lives with: _____ Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Tel# _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Tel# _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Is the student currently receiving any Special Education services (IEP, 504)? If yes, which services?

Reasons for requesting School Choice: _____

****Students may apply to any public high school in Vermont. Accepted students must provide their own transportation****

First Choice: _____ High School

Second Choice: _____ High School

Third Choice: _____ High School

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Winooski Valley Regional Public School Choice Collaborative

Bellows Free Academy – Fairfax

Cabot School

Craftsbury Academy

Danville School

Harwood Union High School

Hazen Union High School

Lamoille Union High School

Montpelier High School

Northfield High School

Peoples Academy

Randolph Union High School

Spaulding High School

Stowe High School

Twinfield Union High School

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White River Valley High School

Williamstown High School

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