
MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Principals, High School Dual Enrollment Coordinators
FROM: Lisa Helme, Assistant Director, Student Pathways Division
SUBJECT: Vermont Dual Enrollment, Fast Forward & Early College Programs
Participation Agreement 2025-2026
DATE: January 8, 2025

VERMONT DUAL ENROLLMENT, FAST FORWARD, & EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Under the Flexible Pathways Initiative, the **Vermont Dual Enrollment Program**, [16 V.S.A. § 944](#), provides eligible Vermont high school students access to two college courses, tuition free, through a system that tracks requests, collects information for reporting, and allows for accurate reimbursement to participating partners. Requests for courses are approved on a semester-by-semester basis, pending student eligibility. Students must request a course whether taken on a college campus, online, or at their high school for college credit. Students can request to enroll in college classes that begin after they have completed grade 10 and end before they have graduated from high school. Developmental and remedial courses do not qualify under the Vermont Dual Enrollment system.

The **Fast Forward Program** allows students in Career Technical Education (CTE) programs to earn credit for college courses, up to two courses per semester, taken at the regional CTE centers or online. The Fast Forward program is funded through Perkins V federal funds.

The **Early College Program**, [16 V.S.A. § 946](#), is a program in which high school juniors apply to complete their senior year of high school in a college program. This program enables students to complete one year of college, while also meeting the requirements for high school graduation.

Student readiness for college coursework must be determined by the principal or their designee, and participation in the Dual Enrollment and/or the Early College Program must be documented in a student's **Personalized Learning Plan**.

Secondary and post-secondary institutions shall ensure that students meet eligibility

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requirements as defined by state policy, which are subject to change based on legislative action.

Please refer to current guidance regarding eligibility and enrollment of home study students. For any questions, contact AOE.DualEnrollment@vermont.gov.

The Participation Agreement process involves two steps.

1. Complete and submit the [Vermont Secondary School Dual Enrollment, Fast Forward, and Early College Participation Agreement FY26](#) by **February 14, 2025**.
2. Upon submitting this completed form an AOE representative will convert the completed form into a **DocuSign*** document which will then be routed to both the principal and superintendent, or their designees, for signatures to be maintained on file.

***DocuSign** is the AOE's official e-signature tool. Signatures indicate understanding of and assurance that corresponding Participation Agreement responsibilities will be met.

The AOE is currently in the process of updating and improving the Dual Enrollment System. Should any changes impact any of the programs managed by that system, you will be notified. If any of the changes necessitate that partnership agreements need to be modified, they will be updated accordingly and redistributed for subsequent approval.

We look forward to our continued work with you to fulfill the expectations of the Flexible Pathways Initiative and the implementation of the Vermont Dual Enrollment, Fast Forward and Early College programs. If you have any questions concerning these programs, please contact AOE.DualEnrollment@vermont.gov.

Resources:

[Dual Enrollment Webpage](#)

[Early College Webpage](#)