

# ADDISON NORTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-11 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE

Vergennes Union Middle and High School, along with all other Vermont public high schools, participates in a statewide system of public high school choice. Under this system, students from VUHS may apply to transfer to any other public high school in the state. For the 2025-2026 school year, the maximum number of students eligible to transfer is limited to fifteen (15). The actual number will depend on the number of students selected in prior years to continue their enrollment at other area high schools.

To apply to participate in the program for the 2025-2026 school year (grades 9-12):

- Complete an application available from the VUMHS School Counseling Office
- All applications must be signed by a parent or guardian;
- File the application with the School Counseling Office on or before **February 28, 2025**. Applications received after February 28<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted.

Notification of decisions to all students who have applied to participate will be provided no later than **April 1, 2025**.

Additional school choice information, including a timeline, is available from the School Counseling Office.

A student's enrollment application may be denied by another receiving school if the student has been expelled or received an extended suspension for violation of Vergennes Union High School's alcohol, substance abuse, or weapons-in-schools policies during the year prior to enrollment in that regional partnership school. Upon enrollment in the receiving school, students are subject to the disciplinary policies and procedures of the receiving school. If selected to attend another high school in the regional partnership, students shall be guaranteed enrollment in that receiving school until graduation as long as they remain residents of the Addison Northwest School District and are not subject to expulsion as a result of the receiving school's policy and federal and state law.