

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

I, the undersigned, am a parent/legal guardian/adult student (of):

_____ (student), who attends

_____ (school). I give permission (to my son,

daughter or ward) to participate in community-based school programming during the 20__ to 20__ school year. **Learning programs in the community may include visits to local businesses for vocational education, tours of social services, community service projects, field trips to area schools & colleges and recreational activities to build team and social skills. I understand that a time is regularly scheduled for these activities and occasionally the time may be changed in order to accommodate a special event.**

I also give permission (for my self/son/daughter/ward) to travel by a school staff member's car or school bus/ vehicle if required to attend Off-Campus programs.

Signature of Adult Student/Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

PUBLICITY RELEASE

I give permission for CSSU to use my (son or daughters') name or photo in local newspapers, school newsletters or video/photo/slide productions.

Signature of Adult Student/Parent/Guardian: _____

EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONSENT

Should it become necessary for a school staff assistant or program supervisor, to get medical treatment for my self/ son/daughter/ward _____ (student's name) and I cannot be reached, I authorize such treatment to be performed.

Signature of Student/Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Student's Physician: _____ Phone: _____

**Career and Transition Services
Community Skills Program
Chittenden South Supervisory Union**

August 27, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Enclosed you will find some forms that allow your son or daughter to participate in the Community Skills Program or Career Class sponsored by CSSU. Community-based skills training is offered to students who would benefit from hands-on experiences to learn "life skills". We teach job skills and independent living skills to students in the community. We also teach a Career Explorers and Transition Class at the high school for students preparing for the world of work. Most students find the program to be an exciting and welcomed addition to their education program. Learning by doing and experiencing real jobs is immensely rewarding "work".

Each year, the program services may change based on your son or daughters needs. Middle School participants have the opportunity to explore businesses in their community, visit the high school or meet other middle school students in occasional field trips in the community; High School students will try jobs out (with the option to earn class credit), research jobs and colleges and many will take a Career Class. Our primary focus is to teach real job skills in partnership with area businesses who sponsor our students. *Jobs are voluntary internships*. However, one or two years prior to graduation, the program focuses on training for and attaining a paid job.

An average of 30-45 students participate each year in grades 7-12. We serve all five school in our district; our office is based at Champlain Valley Union High School. We also direct the after-school recreation program at CVU, Partners Club and vocational summer services.

We make an effort to keep in touch with families, be responsive to concerns or questions and to be respectful and helpful. We ask that you give us the chance to respond to any of your concerns or thoughts. Our phone is 482-7196.

Please return the enclosed forms as soon as possible! Once we have our paperwork completed, we can start linking students to community-based learning experiences.

Sincerely,

Peggy MacDonald
Coordinator

Sharon Ogden
Assistant Coordinator

It's a New School Year!
Questionnaire for Students
(Please send back with Parents Consent Forms!)

Check off as many as you want! This isn't a test!

Name of Student: _____

1. So, how was your summer?
 - Incredible, it was packed with adventure and fun
 - It had it's up and downs
 - I missed everyone and can't wait to come back to school
 - You mean it's over??

2. In just a few words, what was a summer highlight?

3. What are your hopes for Community Skills this year?
 - That we spend a lot of days camping
 - That I find a paid job
 - We explore some college options for me
 - That we go great places and meet people who can help in my future
 - I finally make progress on my Driver's License
 - What? Community Skills? Do you mean summer is over?
 - Not those people again!
 - Yes! I love Community Skills! (Extra Points here!)

4. Seriously, you're getting closer to graduation...what do you want to accomplish this year? (Example: learn a job, join a club, get connected to a sports or workout center...)

5. Returning students: What was your favorite part of last year with us?

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE! WELCOME BACK!

(Send this back with your Consent Forms...Parents add any of your thoughts to the back of this...*thanks!*)