

# Champlain Valley Union High School

## 2017-2018 SCHOOL PROFILE

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The CSSU mission is to develop citizens who:

LEARN actively and collaboratively,

THINK creatively and critically,

LIVE responsibly and respectfully,

CONTRIBUTE positively to their community,

And PURSUE EXCELLENCE in their individual interests.

### About CVU

CVU is a comprehensive public high school, serving students in grades 9 through 12.

**Present Enrollment:** 1322

**Teaching Faculty:** 103

**Calendar:** Four quarters, each nine weeks in length. Courses are either two quarters (one semester) long and worth .5 credit, or four quarters (one year) long and worth 1 credit.

**Schedule:** Four 90-minute block periods daily, alternating days.

### Accreditation & Membership

Vermont Department of Education

As a member of the **College Board** and **New England Association for College Admissions Counselors (NEACAC)**, CVU complies with the NEACAC Principles of Good Practice.

### CVU Community & Student Population

The Chittenden South Supervisory Union serves the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, Williston, and St. George in Vermont. CVU is the public secondary school serving students from these five towns. CVU students come from a wide array of backgrounds, including rural agricultural and suburban professional. Located in the heart of the Champlain Valley, these towns are adjacent to Burlington, Vermont's largest city. The combined population of Burlington and the surrounding communities is 152,000.

### CVU Curriculum

CVU provides its students with an extensive and comprehensive curriculum, offering more than 150 courses. The school is committed to heterogeneous grouping, allowing students to choose an academic path best suited to their learning goals. **There are no curricular tracks or honors courses.** Each student selects a program reflecting his/her individual interests, abilities and needs. Students are encouraged to enroll in the most demanding program possible.

Students in the ninth grade are enrolled in a Core Program, earning a total of five credits, in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Health/ Physical Education. All tenth grade students are enrolled in English 10, Making of the Modern World (Social Studies) and Integrated Biology and enroll in a program that includes courses earning at least six credits. Students in grades eleven and twelve enroll in courses totaling a minimum of five credits.

### Graduation Requirements

To graduate, a CVU student must earn a minimum of 20 credits and complete a Graduation Challenge Project. A year-long class at CVU is valued at 1 credit, and a half-year course is valued at .5 credit. Consistent with the CVU mission and philosophy, students are encouraged to set goals for greater achievement, rather than for minimum requirements; most students earn more than 20 credits. The 20-credit minimum must include:

**English/Language Arts:** 4 credits

**Social Studies:** 3 credits, including one year of U.S. History

**Mathematics:** 3 credits

**Science:** 3 credits, including one semester each of Environmental, Life, and Physical Science

**Practical Arts:** .5 credit

**Fine Arts:** .5 credit

**Physical Education:** 1.5 credits, including one semester of Personal Fitness

**Health:** .5 credit

**Graduation Challenge:** .5 credit (includes a narrative paper, 20 hours of work/study and a formal presentation); graded on Pass/Fail basis

**Electives:** 3.5 credits

All courses are listed online. Please check for specific details at [www.cvsdvt.org](http://www.cvsdvt.org), then the Champlain Valley Union High School link, Academic tab, Course Offerings.

### Special Programs

**Advanced Placement (AP) courses**, available to juniors and seniors on a space-available basis, are Studio Art, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Economics, English, Human Geography, Music Theory, Physics, Statistics and U.S. Government and Politics. While we attempt to honor requests for Advanced Placement courses, access may be limited.

**Technical Study:** Students may elect to enroll in a program at either Burlington Technical Center or Center for Technology at Essex.

**Vermont High School Completion:** This program promotes community and competency based learning in coordination with Vermont Adult Learning.

**Independent Study/Online coursework:** This option offers students the opportunity to pursue an individualized program of study in a particular area of interest. Online options include Virtual High School, BYU, VTVLC or others.

**Nexus:** The Nexus Path is a flexible learning environment designed for students who want to personalize their learning. Nexus is designed to connect people to people, school to community, interests to study, past to future, skill to content, and you to your educational journey. These projects require at least 10-15 hours a week and are the basis of relevant, rigorous learning. To be in Nexus is to take an active role in owning your learning.

## GRADING

In order to better communicate student learning, and in accordance with Vermont legislature requiring all schools to "...transition to a proficiency-based learning system for determining progress and graduation..." (Vermont Agency of Education), CVU High School assigns grades based on a student's demonstrated proficiency on adopted local, state and national standards.

**GPA is not weighted.** Grades received in a college course are entered as a P. Grades for all courses transferred from another high school use that high school's grading system, although a GPA calculation always uses the CVU grade table shown here.

Letter	Percent	Grade Point
A+	98-100	4.33
A	93-97	4.00
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	88-89	3.33
B	83-87	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	78-79	2.33
C	73-77	2.00
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	68-69	1.33
D	63-67	1.00
D-	60-62	0.67
F	Below 60	
P	Pass	
A	Audit	
W	Withdraw	
I	Incomplete	

CVU does not compute class rank. Honors distinctions at graduation are based on The Latin Honors System: Summa Cum Laude – 4.1 and above, Magna Cum Laude – 3.8 and above, and Cum Laude – 3.5 and above.

GPA Distribution for Class of 2017	
GPA	Approx. % of Class
4.1 and above	2
3.8 – 4.09	18
3.5 – 3.79	19
3.0 – 3.49	30
2.0 – 2.99	29
Below 2.0	1

SAT Scores for Class of 2017		
	Reading and Writing	Math
CVU	599	579
Vermont	560	550
U.S.	538	533

ACT Scores for Class of 2017					
	Science	Reading	Math	English	Comp
CVU	24.6	26.4	24.0	25.2	25.2
Vermont	23.2	24.4	23.1	23.3	23.6
U.S.	20.9	21.4	20.7	20.3	21.0

Advanced Placement Scores for 2016 - 2017				
Total # of Students taking AP Tests	Total # of Tests	% Earning Scores of 3	% Earning Scores of 4	% Earning Scores of 5
241	383	34	27	23

College Placement Data Comparison			
Year	# Graduates	% 4-Year	% 2-Year
2017	311	67	1
2016	310	67	.32
2015	328	78	2
2014	276	70	2.9
2013	351	69	1
2012	343	68	1

Adam Bunting-Principal		
Garrath Higgins- Administrative Assistant	Counselors-	Russel Acceto
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		Sara O'Hare-Hughes
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