

Randolph Union High School

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School Profile: SY 2020-2021

Our Community & Region

Randolph Union is located in the heart of Vermont, drawing a dynamic student body from the towns of Brookfield, Braintree and Randolph. This is a region marked by compelling contrasts: tradition and innovation, rolling hills and river valleys, farming and high-tech manufacturing. Our student population represents the interconnectedness as well as the socio-economic and professional diversity of our towns. Many of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch. In addition to small-scale entrepreneurs and businesses, some of the larger industries and institutions of our towns include the Gifford Medical Center, Vermont Technical College, the Chandler Center for the Arts, GW Plastics, and Vermont Castings - to name a few. Major cultural events in our region include the New World Festival, the Vermont Pride Festival, Tunbridge World's Fair, and others. The healthy array of vibrant public and private institutions in our region enriches the lives of our students in new and exciting ways each year.

<p>Student Body</p> <p>We have a student body of about 400 students, grades 7 - 12. Our students and school are known for innovation, integrity, and commitment to the common good. This reputation draws students and families to us from towns outside our district. This year, 25 families from 9 other Vermont towns have chosen to send their children to our school. In addition, many home-schooling families enroll students for partial programs in academics and the arts.</p>	<p>Graduates (5 year average)</p> <p>Class size: 66 GPA: 3.03 Graduation Rate: 95% (Vermont average: 85%) Percent attending a 2 or 4-year college: 58.6% (Vermont average: 59.3%) Enlisting in military: 3% Gap-year with plans for college: 12.2% Pursuing apprenticeship or work: 26.2% SAT Averages: Math: 499; Reading/Writing: 533. ACT Composite Average: 21.5</p>
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Core Curriculum & Flexible Pathways

A student's pathway to graduation is marked by a combination of core requirements and flexible pathways. Teachers at RU are committed to rigorous traditional offerings such as AP courses, while also aggressively pursuing innovation and contemporary relevance. Innovative courses offered in recent years include: "Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing," taught in collaboration with a local high tech manufacturing company, and Project Based Learning courses in Digital Music, Youth Media, Documentary Film, International Aid, Service Learning Abroad, and Restorative Justice. Students at RU also benefit from a shared campus with the regional Technical and Career Center, where students enroll through a competitive application process in one of 13 immersion programs, including: Graphic Arts, Digital Film, Building Trades, Diversified Agriculture, Culinary Arts, and more.

<p>Graduation Requirements</p> <p>Proficiency in graduation standards as demonstrated through completion of years of study in various disciplines:</p> <p>4 English 3 Math 3 Science 3 Social Studies .5 Health 1 Fine Art 1 World Language* 1.5 PE Senior Project or Tech Portfolio</p> <p>*exceptions apply</p>	<p>Course Completion & Honors</p> <p>Beginning in 2018-2019, RUHS transitioned to a proficiency-based graduation system. Final course grades are no longer on a 100 point scale. Based on a student's proficiency in grade-level expectations, final course grades are awarded on the following scale:</p> <p>-Complete with High Honors -Complete with Honors -Complete with Proficiency -Complete -Not Complete</p> <p>A score of High Honors is the highest level of achievement. A score of Not Complete is the equivalent of not passing</p>	<p>GPA</p> <p>When calculating GPA, a 0.33 weighting applies to AP courses only.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Prior to SY 18/19</td> <td>SY 18/19 & beyond</td> </tr> <tr> <td>98-100 = 4.0</td> <td>Complete with High Honors = 4.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>88-89 = 3.0</td> <td>Complete with Honors = 3.67 or higher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>80-82 = 2.0</td> <td>Complete with Proficiency = 3 or higher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70-71 = 1.0</td> <td>Complete = 2.5 or higher</td> </tr> </table>	Prior to SY 18/19	SY 18/19 & beyond	98-100 = 4.0	Complete with High Honors = 4.0	88-89 = 3.0	Complete with Honors = 3.67 or higher	80-82 = 2.0	Complete with Proficiency = 3 or higher	70-71 = 1.0	Complete = 2.5 or higher	<p>Portfolio Defense & Senior Project</p> <p>RU students cultivate a strong understanding of themselves as learners and are expected to become independent thinkers. At the end of 8th and 10th grade, students must engage in a portfolio defense before an audience of past, present and future teachers. A student's learning journey culminates in Senior Project, a high stakes graduation requirement that compels students to work with a local expert to complete a project that is defended before a panel of faculty and community members.</p>	<p>COVID-19 [-Q4] 2nd Semester, SY 19-20</p> <p>During the Spring Semester of School Year 19-20, the Vermont Agency of Education closed our campus and moved students to remote learning. Students were assessed and graded in courses, but due to concerns about access to Internet in our rural zones, engagement in remote learning was not permitted to negatively impact academic standing achieved prior to school closure. Students who passed a course based on Quarters 1-3, but who did not adequately engage in Quarter 4 have this noted with the symbol [-Q4] next to their course completion status.</p>
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Recent Course Offerings

NOTE: Due to COVID-19 staffing and scheduling constraints, certain electives and other courses were not offered School Year 20-21. School counselor letters will explain how a student's program of study may have been impacted by these constraints.

<p>English AP Language & Composition AP Literature American Literature Creative Writing Dystopia English 9, 10 Food & Travel Writing Food Systems PBL Literature to Film Racial Justice PBL Restorative Justice PBL World Literature Youth Media PBL</p>	<p>Social Studies AP World History AP US History American History Archeology Case Studies Current Issues Environmental Inequality PBL Famous Supreme Court Cases Human Experience Interact PBL Psychology Racial Justice PBL Sociology Theater History & Production US History I</p>	<p>Music & Visual Arts 2D vs 3D: The Artist Within 3D Art Advanced Music Art & Artists Band Chorus Composition & Theory Construction Art Drawing & Painting Digital Music PBL Exploration Art Jazz Band Jazz Lab Musical Composition Music Theory</p>	<p>Science AP Physics I AP Biology Astronomy Biology Chemistry I Entrepreneurship & Manufacturing CBL Environmental Science Intro to Engineering NGSS I & II Physics I Planets in Motion Science 10: Bodies of Atoms The Learning Brain PBL Water Resource Management CBL</p>
<p>PE & Health Health Education Intro to Personal Fitness Lifetime Fitness Movement Exploration PBL My Physical Best I & II Recreational Fitness Recreational Sports Strength & Conditioning Unified PE</p>	<p>Math Advanced Coding (elective) AP Calculus (AB/BC) AP Statistics Algebra II, Algebra I Bridges to Algebra II Business & Personal Finance Entrepreneurial Math Financial Literacy Geometry Introduction to Coding (elective) Pre-Calculus</p>	<p>World Languages French I - Advanced French Language, Culture, Cuisine Spanish I - Spanish IV</p>	<p>Randolph Technical & Career Center</p> <p>Programs:</p> <p>Advanced Manufacturing Automotive Technology Construction Mgt & Building Trades Criminal Justice Culinary Diversified Agriculture Diesel Technology Digital Film Electrical Technology Environ. Resource Mgt. Graphic Arts Health Careers Education/Social Services</p>
<p>Dual Enrollment & Early College Community College of VT (CCV) Norwich University Vermont Academy of Science & Technology (VAST) Vermont Technical College</p>	<p>ILO Independent Learning Opportunity: These non-traditional classes are a way of pursuing learning outside of the offerings that might fit into a particular student's schedule in a given semester. It is also an option for students who want to push their learning in settings and domains outside of what we offer as typical courses.</p>	<p>PBL Project Based Learning electives focus on collaborative approaches to contemporary problems. PBLs require community partnerships, public demonstrations of learning, and proficiency-based evaluation in transferable skills, English and Social Studies.</p>	

College Enrollment

RU graduates are accepted to a wide array of colleges, including our nation's most highly selective schools. RU counselors work closely with students to find the right fit. From the Ivy League schools to competitive "small Ivies," from specialized design and engineering schools to the liberal arts, the portfolio of schools our students attend is diverse, and in recent years has included:

- Public colleges and universities, including New Hampshire and Vermont State Colleges, Ohio Technical College, and others.
- Larger state universities, including UMASS Amherst, University of Maine and the University of Vermont.
- Smaller private schools, including Hamilton College, Hampshire, Landmark, Macalester College, Middlebury College, Bard College, and others.
- Larger private schools, including Columbia, Syracuse, Pratt School of Design, McGill University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, U of Chicago.

Clubs, Drama, Athletics, and International Exchange

Extra-curricular pursuits are an important part of school life. RU offers more varsity athletics opportunities than similar public schools of our size, from basketball, baseball and soccer, to volleyball, gymnastics, bowling – and many more. Our Encore Theater Company produces two full powerful drama performances each year. Other important clubs and groups include: the RU Marching Band, Student Congress, Campus Life Committee, National Honor Society, Interact, Poetry, LGBTQ, Mountain Biking, Robotics – and more. Another unique feature of this rural Vermont community is the commitment to international exchange.

Student Transcripts: The transcript will show what courses a student has taken from the array of course offerings above. In addition, each RU student transcript includes an **"Individualized Student Profile"** that presents the noteworthy activities, special accomplishments and pursuits that have textured a student's high school years.