

Vergennes Union High School

Home of the Commodores

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The Vergennes Union High School Community

Vergennes Union High School, VUHS, serves students in grades 9–12 from the communities of Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, and Waltham. VUHS is located in rural Addison County, which is the fourth largest county in Vermont. Nestled between beautiful Lake Champlain and Vermont's Green Mountains, residents enjoy outdoor activities including farming, boating, hiking, skiing, and hunting.

VUHS offers a comprehensive curriculum that prepares students for both college and careers. Our students enjoy a wide variety of activities and athletics and have access to technical education through the nearby Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center.

Present Enrollment: 245

Size of Senior Class: 63

Teaching Faculty: 35

Proficiency-Based Learning and Grading:

VUHS uses a proficiency-based learning system that emphasizes what students know and can do in relation to clearly defined learning targets. Students demonstrate achievement in both academic content and transferable skills including self-direction, collaboration, inquiry, communication, and technology. This approach fosters meaningful learning, flexibility, personalization, and supports growth over time. Students receive ongoing feedback and multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery.

Curriculum Overview / Academic Policy:

It is the policy of the Addison Northwest School District to ensure students can engage in rigorous, relevant and comprehensive learning opportunities that allow them to demonstrate proficiency in literacy, mathematics, scientific inquiry, global citizenship, physical education, artistic expression, and transferable skills. A student meets the requirements for graduation when the student demonstrates evidence of proficiency in these curriculum content areas.

Advisory: At VUHS, every faculty member serves as a mentor and advocate for a small group of 10–15 students. This structure ensures that each student is known well and supported throughout their high school journey, building strong, lasting connections with at least one trusted adult in the school community.

Flexible Pathways: VUHS students have access to a variety of flexible learning opportunities that extend beyond the traditional classroom. These include community-based learning experiences, Early College, and independent studies designed around student interests and goals, and up to two free Dual Enrollment (college) courses.

Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center: Technical programs at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center (HCC) are available to both high school students and adult learners in the community. Thirty-five percent of the Class of 2026 have participated in HCC programs. The center uses a 0–4.0 grading scale, with 2.0 as the minimum passing grade.

Grading System Notes:

The minimum passing score at VUHS is 2.5, which took effect during 2024–2025 school year. Prior to that, the lowest passing score was 2.6. All scores are unweighted. VUHS does not calculate or publish individual student GPAs and does not rank students.

Graduation Requirements:

Minimum of 22.5 credits

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Math
- 3 credits of Science (including Energy and Matter, Science & Sustainability)
- 3 credits of Social Studies (including World Geography, US History, and Modern Citizenship)
- 1 credit Visual or Performing Arts
- 1.5 credits of Physical Education
- .5 credit Health
- .5 credit Technology
- .5 credit Personal Finance
- 5.5 credits of electives

AP Classes: Biology*, Calculus AB, Language & Composition*, Literature & Composition*, Physics 1*, Psychology*, U.S. Government & Politics*

**Offered every other year and/or on a rotating basis*

Honors Class: Humanities

School-wide Demographics:

89.5% White
 5% Hispanic or Latino
 1% Black or African American
 1% Native American or Alaska Native
 0% Asian or Asian/Pacific Islander
 2.5% Two or More Races
 First Generation college: 40%
 Free and reduced lunch: 38%

Graduates from the Class of 2025 were accepted to a wide range of colleges and universities, including:

Alfred U, American U, Barry U, Boston College, Boston U, Brandeis U, Bryn Mawr College, Bucknell U, Case Western Reserve U, Central Connecticut State U, Champlain College, Charleston Southern U, Clarkson U, Coastal Carolina U, Colby-Sawyer College, College of Charleston, Community College of Vermont, Connecticut College, Dartmouth College, Dean College, Delaware State U, Eastman School of Music Rochester U, Emerson College, Emmanuel College(MA), Endicott College, Fairfield U, Fisher College, Franklin & Marshall College, Husson U, Indiana U Bloomington, Ithaca College, John Jay College, Keene State College, Lafayette College, Lasell U(MA), Lawrence U, Lehigh U, Lewis & Clark College, Lynn U, Macalaster College, Magill U, Manhattan U, Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Merrimack College, Mount St. Mary College, New England College, Northwestern U, Norwich U, Oberlin College & Conservatory of Music, Occidental College, Oregon State U, Pace U, Palm Beach Atlantic U, Penn State U, Plymouth State U, Providence U, Quinnipiac U, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rivier U, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roger Williams U, Russell Sage College, Sacred Heart U, Salem State U, Smith College, Southern New Hampshire U, Springfield College, St Lawrence U, St Michael's College, State College of Florida, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Buffalo State, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY U at Albany, SUNY U at Buffalo, The George Washington U, The U of Oklahoma, Towson U, Trinity College, Tufts U, Union College, U Colorado Boulder, U Connecticut, U Denver, U Hartford, U Maine, U Massachusetts Amherst, U Massachusetts Boston, U Massachusetts Dartmouth, U New England, U New Hampshire, U New Haven, U North Carolina, U Northwestern Ohio, U Rhode Island, U Rochester, U South Carolina, U Southern Maine, U Vermont, Vassar College, Vermont State U, Washington & Lee U, West Chester U Pennsylvania, Western Kentucky U, Westminster U(Utah) Whitman College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

2020-2024

Description	Grade	Course Score 2020-21 through 2023-24
Advanced Proficiency	A+	3.8 - 4.0
Advanced Proficiency	A	3.5 - 3.79
Advanced Proficiency	B+	3.3 - 3.49
Proficient	B	3.0 - 3.29
Proficient	C+	2.8 - 2.99
Proficient	C	2.6 - 2.79
Insufficient Evidence	IE	0.0 - 2.59 (no credit earned)

Testing Data - SAT		
Class of	EBRW	Math
2023	579	551
2024	590	560
2025	630	600

2024-Present

Description	Course Score 2024-2025	% of Graduating Class
Advanced	3.8- 4.0	5.48%
Proficient	3.0 - 3.79	67.12%
Approaching (earning credit)	2.5 - 2.99	23.29%
Approaching (not earning credit)	2.0-2.49	0
Insufficient Evidence	1.0-1.99	0
Getting Started	0.0 - 0.99	0

Testing Data - AP Scores 2025					
AP Test	5	4	3	2	1
2-D Art & Design	1	0	2	3	0
Biology	3	6	3	2	0
Calculus AB	5	4	0	0	0
Calculus BC	2	0	0	0	0
Language	2	4	5	0	0
US Govt & Politics	0	1	3	4	1

Graduation Statistics						
Year of Graduation	# of graduates	4 Year College	2 Year or Tech	Gap Year	Entered Workforce	US Armed Services
2024	60	52%	10%	.05%	18%	0
2025	71	52%	13%	.05%	20%	0

Program of Studies/Course Listing:

<https://tinyurl.com/VUHSProgramofStudies>