

Bellows Falls Union High School
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802-463-3944, ext. 204

July 27, 2016

Dear Bellows Falls Union High School student and parent/guardian:

Bellows Falls Union High School is currently offering a number of Dual Enrollment courses this school year. Dual Enrollment courses are opportunities for high school students to earn both high school credit *and* college credit tuition free. These are exciting opportunities for high school students to earn college credits, reducing the time it will take to earn a college degree, reducing the costs associated with college, and challenging themselves through college-level curriculum. For more info on Vermont's Dual Enrollment Program, please visit <http://vtdualenrollment.org/>.

Senior Seminar is one of our Dual Enrollment courses at BFUHS. This Dual Enrollment course is taught by Mr. Divis and is offered for college credit through the Community College of Vermont (CCV) as Global Social Problems (SOC 2010). To earn college credit, students have to take the CCV Accuplacer test online and receive a score that shows students have the ability to successfully complete a college-level course. CCV feels it's in the best interest of the student with reading comprehension and grammar skills in the 50's and lower on this test to postpone taking college level courses until after they develop their skills a bit more. After successfully registering and completing the Accuplacer test, there is no additional work that students have to do beyond the high school course requirements and expectations.

If your student is interested in taking this course for college credit, please sign the tear-off slip below and return it to Mr. Divis. Both student and parent/guardian should sign the tear-off slip as this will demonstrate the commitment to take this course for college credit. If your student checks 'yes', they will follow the steps on page 2 by signing up for the class. This will happen on during the first week of school, and your son/daughter needs to have their Social Security number with them in order to register.

If you have any further questions please contact me on extension 204, or Mr. Divis on extension 263. I encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity.

John Broadley
BFUHS Assistant Principal

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Student name: _____ Date: _____

Please check one of the following:

- My student plans to take Senior Seminar for Dual Enrollment college credit.
- My student DOES NOT plan to take Senior Seminar for Dual Enrollment college credit.

Signed: _____ (Parent) _____ (Student)

Steps for Enrolling in Vermont's Dual Enrollment Program

Please take the following steps to begin the process of enrolling in the Dual Enrollment course:

1. Apply to CCV at www.ccv.edu/apply. The application takes approximately 9 minutes. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you choose **Springfield** as the center they will be attending even though you will be taking the course at BFUHS. Springfield is the CCV location that we are working with for the Dual Enrollment Program. **Please also make sure you have your Social Security number as you will need this to apply!**
2. Meet with your guidance counselor to apply for a Dual Enrollment voucher through the online application system at <http://vtdualenrollment.org>. You must get Mr. Broadley's approval to be eligible for this voucher.
3. To ensure your academic skills are appropriate for the college course, you need to arrange to take the Accuplacer Assessment online at BFUHS: <https://www.accuplacer.org/cat>. Contact Mr. Broadley with any questions about this assessment.
4. Prepare for Accuplacer Assessment by reviewing sample questions found at The College Board website: <http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-sample-questions-for-students.pdf>

Tips for taking Accuplacer:

- Get plenty of rest the night before.
- Relax and take your time; there is no time limit.

Exception: We accept SAT and ACT scores. If you have taken the SAT or ACT, and scored above 1100 combined *Critical Reading* and *Writing* and neither score below 500, or ACT *English* and *Reading* scores are higher than 22, you do not need to take the Accuplacer Assessment. Send the SAT or ACT scores to Debra.Grant@ccv.edu or call 802-885-8372.

5. Review Accuplacer scores with CCV advisor and enroll.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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