

Governor Peter Shumlin
2013 Education Initiatives
ROAD MAP

Early Childhood

- The largest investment in Vermont's history, through \$17 million of the state Earned Income Tax Credit, to make high quality childcare affordable to hardworking lower income Vermonters.
→ **Misc. Tax Bill**
- \$400,000 to help with the start-up costs of first year publicly financed preschool, reallocated from the Agency of Education.
→ **Budget**

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- \$398,646 invested from the General Fund to ensure that all low income Vermont students have access to school lunch by the state paying the students' share of the cost of reduced price lunch.
→ **Budget, and moving as stand-alone bill in House and Senate**
- A proposal for flexible pathways to secondary school completion to increase Vermont students' individual options while fostering a connection between school and careers. These flexible pathways include Personalized Learning Plans for every student, internships, career and technical education, work-based and virtual learning and expanded, sustainable access to dual enrollment.
→ **Flexible Pathways Bill in House and Senate**
- \$400,000 to double the support for dual enrollment students who want to start college even as they finish high school reallocated from Next Generation funds.
→ **Budget**
- Expanded early college programs in partnership with Vermont postsecondary institutions for all interested Vermont high school students.
→ **Senator Baruth Bill in Senate Ed**
- Rigorous math requirements through at least geometry and algebra for all high school students, to ensure they are prepared for the high-tech, skilled jobs of the 21st century.
→ **Rulemaking through the State Board of Education**
- Increased coordination between high schools and the state's 17 technical centers through the creation of Vermont Innovation Zones to allow regions to focus on specific areas of education and professional opportunity relevant to their communities.
→ **Administrative Change**

Post-Secondary Education

- \$2.5 million for UVM, the Vermont State Colleges and VSAC to be used entirely for financial aid to Vermont students to help make higher education affordable.
→ **Budget**
- A plan for closer coordination between UVM and VSC to identify savings in the system to increase affordability for Vermont students.
→ **In process, managed by John Bramley**
- \$400,000 beginning in FY16 and increasing to \$4 million in FY22 to launch the Vermont Strong Scholars Program which will help Vermonters to study science, technology, engineering and math and get well-paying and rewarding jobs in those fields in Vermont.
→ **Stand alone bill, being drafted for House Ed by Donna Russo Savage**
- \$150,000 for the Vermont Training Program to train an additional 240 Vermonters.
→ **Budget**