

# TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL

## School Profile 2017 - 2018

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Twinfield Union School is a rural Pre-K to 12th grade public school serving approximately 400 students from the towns of Marshfield and Plainfield,

Vermont. One of the benefits of our small size is the strong student-teacher relationships formed here and our ability to meet the needs of all students. Twinfield has a long history of embracing rigorous, multiple flexible pathways towards graduation to meet the diverse needs of our student body.

Personalization is at the heart of our school's learning culture. We strive to provide students with timely and effective feedback on their learning in an effort to bring clarity to where students stand in relation to Twinfield's Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements.

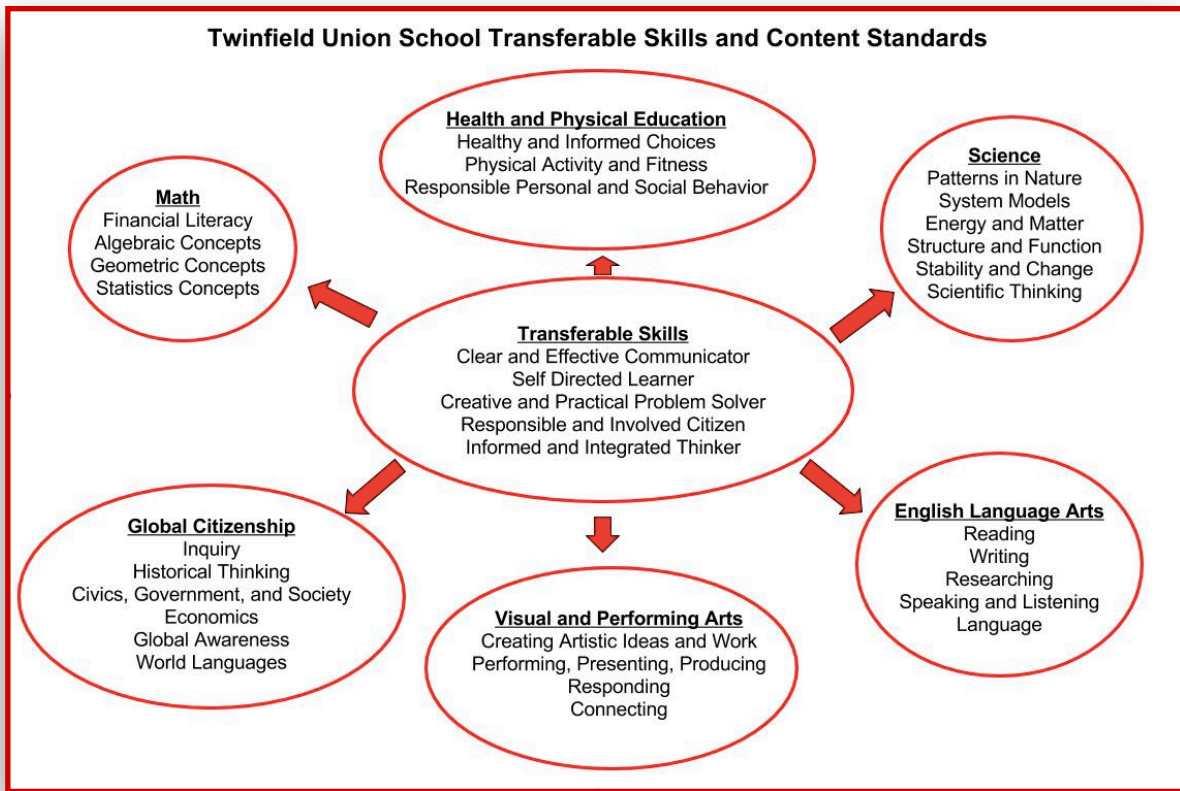
Students and staff share a collective responsibility in establishing a positive learning environment where students feel accepted and connected. At Twinfield all courses and programs are available to all students.

Twinfield was one of three Vermont schools to receive the *Great School Partnership* grant recognizing our capacity to provide personalized and flexible pathways leading to a proficiency-based diploma.



## Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements

Twinfield Union School awards a proficiency-based graduation diploma. This diploma is based on a student's knowledge and skills rather than academic credits. Twinfield has clearly defined what students need to know and be able to do to receive a Twinfield diploma. Each of the content standards are supported by performance indicators and learning scales that help students monitor their progress toward proficiency. In addition to the content standards, students need to show their capacity and understanding of all five of Vermont's Transferable Skills.



## Program Highlights

### Teacher Advisory

Teacher Advisory is an essential element of our proficiency-based system. Advisors work in partnership with students and their families to create personalized learning plans which help students identify and work toward academic, personal, and career goals.

### Renaissance Program

Renaissance is Twinfield's personalized learning program through which students propose their own rigorous, proficiency-based studies, internships, job shadows, apprenticeships, and purposeful travel opportunities. These learning opportunities are designed with the guidance of the program director and a mentor with an expertise in the student's field of interest.

### Synapse

Synapse is an integrated program for 9th and 10th graders combining English Language Arts, World History, Earth Science, and Biology into thematic units.

### Winter and June-term

At the end of each semester there is a vibrant learning experience. Winter and June term offerings are from all content areas.

### Mac Books

All high school students benefit from a school-provided MacBook.