

# High School Preference Form

(For parents and guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, and also for high school students wishing to transfer from Thetford Academy)

Background: Thetford Academy is the designated High School for Strafford. If you prefer for your child to attend a high school other than Thetford Academy, the State requires (in 16 V.S.A. § 827(c)) that the School Board maintain a record of your reason(s) for choosing a school other than the designated school.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ My child or ward will attend Thetford Academy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_ I request approval for my child or ward to attend \_\_\_\_\_  
(High School)

My reason(s) for this request are:

\_\_\_\_ I am dissatisfied with instruction provided at Thetford Academy.

\_\_\_\_ I cannot obtain for my child or ward a desired kind of course or instruction at Thetford Academy.

\_\_\_\_ My child or ward can be better accommodated in an approved independent or public high school nearer my home.

*In an attached letter, please provide at least one example to support your above choice (this is required by the State).*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*See the back of this page for important information regarding submission dates for this form.*

Please return your completed form to:

Newton School Board of Directors  
The Newton School  
PO Box 239  
South Strafford, VT 05070

If you want your child or ward to attend a High School other than Thetford Academy: The School Board will meet on Tuesday, February 12th (Sharon Elementary School), Tuesday, March 12th (Newton School), and Tuesday, April 9th (Sharon Elementary School), at 5:30 pm. We encourage you to submit your request no later than April 8, 2019 so that we may act on it before the April 15, 2019 deadline. Please understand that if you do not submit your form to us in time for approval by the April 15, 2019 deadline, then by State law, we must pay tuition for your child to attend Thetford Academy.