Gloucester/Mathews Governor’s Health Sciences Academy Partners

- Gloucester County Public Schools
- Mathews County Public Schools
- Riverside Hospital School of Health Careers
- Riverside Walter Reed Hospital
- Rappahannock Community College
- New Horizons Regional Education Center
- Peninsula Council for Workforce Development

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The Governor’s Health Sciences Academy (GHSA) will serve students in Gloucester County Public Schools and Mathews County Public Schools; will provide expanded options for students’ health sciences careers in Virginia; and will provide a comprehensive career readiness curriculum including rigorous academic content in five health sciences career pathways:

**Therapeutic Services**
Care and treat patients to improve their health over time. Includes 47 occupations from physicians to dental and ophthalmic laboratory technicians.

**Support Services**
Assist health care professionals with a range of administrative and maintenance duties to ensure that the health care environment is maintained. Includes health related counselors, educators, and social workers.

**Diagnostic Services**
Use tests and evaluations to aid in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases, injuries or other physical conditions. Includes six occupations i.e. Clinical Lab Techs and Nuclear Med Techs.

**Health Informatics**
Manage health care agencies by overseeing all patient data, financial information and technological applications. Includes occupations i.e. Medical Records and Health Information Technicians.

**Biotechnology Research and Development**
Discover new treatments and medical technologies to improve human health. Includes occupations i.e. Epidemiologist, Biomedical Engineers.


**GHSA Program Information**

**GHSA Admission Criteria:**
GHSA students will be recruited, selected, and admitted to the Academy using the follow criteria:
- Sincere interest in the field of Health and Medical Sciences
- GPA 2.75 or higher
- Two teacher recommendations
- One counselor recommendation
- Eighth-grade SOL scores
- No major disciplinary actions
- Above-average attendance record
- Completion of GHSA application packet.

**GHSA Career Pathways**
The Governor’s Health Sciences Academy will launch two of the five well-articulated health sciences career pathways and will expand to include three other career pathways by the end of 2015-2016. The Governor’s Health Sciences Academy will initially offer career pathways in **Therapeutic Services** and **Support Services**. For year one of implementation, two of the five well-articulated pathways will be available to Academy students.