

Governor's Schools

The Gloucester County Public Schools (GCPS) participate in several Governor's Schools supported by the Virginia Department of Education. Opportunities for high school students include the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, the Governor's School for Science and Technology, and the Summer Residential Governor's School. The Middle Peninsula Summer Regional Governor's School is for students currently in grades 3-7 identified for gifted education services in GCPS.

Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (Grades 10-12)

(at Rappahannock Community College)

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CBGS) provides an educational option for highly motivated and talented students in or with an aptitude for math, science, and technology. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors from thirteen participating school divisions in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck regions in Virginia attend the Governor's School during the morning at one of three sites. GCPS students attend the RCC campus at Glens with students from Mathews and Middlesex and return to GHS for afternoon classes.

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School for Marine and Environmental Science provides a community of learners the opportunity to explore connections among the environment, math, science, and technology, and develops leaders who possess the research and technical skills, global perspective, and vision needed to address the challenges of a rapidly changing society.

Students are selected to attend the CBGS through a rigorous application process that includes a student essay, teacher recommendations, standardized test scores in math and science, and academic preparation. An informational meeting for interested parents and students is held in November or December of each year and applications for rising 10th grade students are reviewed in February.

To be successful at CBGS, students need to complete Algebra I or a higher mathematics course in Grade 8, enjoy sciences and have good time management skills. Rising 10th grade students need to have completed Geometry or higher. Applications are not accepted from rising 11th grade students unless specific requirements are met and space is available.

For more information, please visit the CBGS website:
<http://www.cbgs.k12.va.us>

Governor's School for Science and Technology (Grades 11-12)

(at New Horizons Regional Education Center)

The Governor's School for Science and Technology (GSST) at New Horizons Regional Education Center is operated/ supported by Gloucester, Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Williamsburg-James City County, and York County Schools.

The Governor's School is a two-year program for 11th and 12th graders. Additional courses will be taken at the home high school to complete an Advanced Diploma degree. Each strand provides an unique emphasis on both the science subject matter and associated career fields. Students will be able to participate in one of the following three strands:

- ◆ The **Engineering Strand** involves an intense, rigorous study of fundamental principles of engineering and calculus-based physics.
- ◆ The **Biological Science Strand** provides insights into organic and inorganic chemistry in conjunction with cell and molecular biology by employing advanced technologies utilized in medicine, forensic science, and research labs.
- ◆ The **Scientific Programming Strand** combines the study of structured and object-oriented programming with applications in practical, non-calculus based, physics scenarios.

To be successful at the GSST, students need to complete Algebra I in Grade 8 (Geometry in Grade 8 for Engineering), enjoy sciences and have good time management skills.

For more information, please visit the GSST website:
<http://www.nhgs.tec.va.us>



Summer Residential Governor's Schools (Grades 10-11)

The Virginia Governor's School program began in 1973 when Governor Linwood Holton established the first summer residential programs for 400 gifted students from across the commonwealth. From its beginnings, with three summer schools in 1973, the program has expanded to more than 40 sites throughout the commonwealth.

Summer Residential Governor's Schools provide gifted high school juniors and seniors with intensive educational experiences in several areas:

- ◆ Summer Residential Governor's School for Humanities
- ◆ Summer Residential Governor's School for the Visual and Performing Arts
- ◆ Summer Residential Governor's School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology
- ◆ Governor's Foreign Language Academies: Immersion Programs in French, German, and Spanish
- ◆ Governor's Foreign Language Academies: Latin Academy
- ◆ Mentorships in Engineering and Marine Science at NASA and VIMS
- ◆ Summer Residential Governor's School for Agriculture
- ◆ Governor's Foreign Language Academies: Partial-Immersion Programs in Japanese and Russian

An information meeting is held for interested GCPS students and parents in October or November after the Department of Education releases application information to school divisions. All school divisions are limited to the number of students that may be nominated for each program. Students interested in the Governor's School for the Visual and Performing Arts will have to audition for the GCPS local selection committee in November due to the limited number of students that may be sent to the state-level auditions from GCPS.

To be successful at Summer Residential Governor's School, students need to be open to new experiences, willing to be away from home for up to four weeks, independent and responsible. Please note: mobile/cell phones are not allowed at any program.

For more information, please visit the Virginia Department of Education Governor's Schools website:
www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors_school_programs/index.shtml

Middle Peninsula Summer Regional

Governor's School (Grades 3-7)

The MPSRGS is for students identified for gifted education services currently in grades 3-7. The program is sponsored and funded by the Virginia Department of Education with contributions from the participating school systems. The participants include the nine public school systems of Charles City County, Essex County, Gloucester County, King and Queen County, King William County, Mathews County, Middlesex County, New Kent County, and the Town of West Point. This program provides problem-based classes for approximately 100 identified gifted students in participating school divisions. Applications are available in April/May each year. Spaces are limited. Visit our website for updated information.

For more information on any of the Governor's Schools, please contact the GCPS Office of Gifted Education Services at (804) 693-4795.

Deadlines

- **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School** application deadline is January.
- **Governor's School for Science and Technology** application deadline is January.
- **Summer Residential Governor's School** application deadline is December/January.
- **Middle Peninsula Summer Regional Governor's School** application deadline is March/April.

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No student can be prevented from the participation in any program solely because of his/her race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability.

A procedure for resolving complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability may be found in the manual for Policies and Regulations of the Gloucester County Public Schools.

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