



Summer Residential Governor's School

Summer 2024

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- ▶ Intensive educational experiences
- ▶ Focuses on one special area of interest
- ▶ Live on a college campus for four weeks
- ▶ Involvement in classroom and laboratory work, field studies, research, individual and group projects/performances, and seminars with noted scholars, visiting artists and other professionals

Selection Criteria

- ▶ Current 10th and 11th grade students
- ▶ Identified as gifted
- ▶ Able, motivated and mature
- ▶ Completion of application process by deadlines indicated
- ▶ Up to four week commitment (July)
- ▶ Strong teacher recommendations

Program Costs

- ▶ Tuition, room and board are paid for by FCPS
- ▶ Students must provide own spending money (approximately \$40-50 a week)
- ▶ Students must provide their own transportation to and from the program

2024 Governor's School Programs

Academic

- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Humanities
- ▶ Mathematics, Science & Technology
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Marine Science

Visual & Performing Arts

- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Instrumental Music
- ▶ Vocal Music
- ▶ Theatre
- ▶ Visual Arts

Next Steps

- ▶ Have a discussion with your parents
 - ▶ Would you be a good fit for the program?
- ▶ Access Governor's School information on the [West Potomac High School website](#)
- ▶ Complete the interest form by the **deadline of November 3, 2023**
 - ▶ [Academic Interest Form](#)
 - ▶ [VPA Interest Form](#)
- ▶ **Students MUST complete the interest form by the deadline in order to apply for Governor's School**

Interest Forms: Due Nov. 3

- ▶ Students should **NOT** use their FCPS Google Apps email. Use a personal email address.
- ▶ Academics Interest Form:
 - ▶ <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxRJMLOMFaQ-sokBrgFPbjSJJW1Eoxl1lpqxaEAN6tB7tJbg/viewform>
- ▶ Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) Interest Form:
 - ▶ https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVC4m7OZ_2F1tLLDrM66TufOH-bKYdW31lYnmT-QjU-T3_KQ/viewform

Application Process

- ▶ Fill out, print and deliver the appropriate application and letters of recommendation to Mr. Shapiro or Ms. Bluestein by:
 - ▶ December 8, 2023 for Academics and Mentorships
 - ▶ January 31, 2024 for Visual and Performing Arts
- ▶ **No LATE applications will be accepted**
- ▶ Request letters of recommendation (EARLY)
 - ▶ Specific format (*Refer to online document for links, 2021 Virginia Summer Governor's School*)
 - ▶ *Teacher scales and recommendations are rated - both should be TYPED!*

Important Factors

- ▶ **Career Highlights**
 - ▶ Activities, research and honors
 - ▶ *Rating scale for career highlights*
- ▶ **Academic Essay**
 - ▶ Indicate your passion/desire to pursue in college
 - ▶ *Have parents/teacher review before submitting*
 - ▶ No essay needed for VPA
- ▶ **Standardized Test Scores (Two)**
 - ▶ PSAT, SAT, ACT, CogAT, and/or NNAT
- ▶ **GPA**
- ▶ **Course Difficulty**

Important Factors

- ▶ Full Name
 - ▶ Ensure that it is located in the top right hand corner of each page of your application
- ▶ Black Ink
 - ▶ For student and parent initials
- ▶ Request that your letters of recommendation to be typed and placed on letterhead
 - ▶ Current and/or previous teacher who can speak to your high level of academic rigor
 - ▶ Connect to the field in which you are applying

Timeline

- ▶ Academics Application - December 2023
 - ▶ WPHS committee will review application packets and narrow candidate pools to school-based quotas
- ▶ VPA Application - December 2023
 - ▶ Students applying for *Visual and Performing Arts* are notified of adjudication appointments by the Fine Arts Office for **January 5-6, 2024** at Briar Woods High School

Timeline

- ▶ January 2024
 - ▶ Mr. Shapiro and Ms. Bluestein will submit the Academics applications of students moving forward in the process to the AAP Office
 - ▶ Students not moving forward will be notified by Mr. Shapiro and Ms. Bluestein in writing
- ▶ February 2024
 - ▶ Mr. Shapiro and Ms. Bluestein will then submit the Visual and Performing Arts applications of students moving forward in the process to the AAP Office

Timeline

- ▶ March 2024
 - ▶ Students will be notified if NOT selected (state level)
- ▶ April 2024
 - ▶ Virginia Department of Education in Richmond determines the final selection and will notify students of their final status
 - ▶ Strength of applicant pool
 - ▶ School division ranking
 - ▶ Needs of program indicated
- ▶ *No student is guaranteed acceptance to Governor's School*

Contact Information

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FCPS website for Governor's School:

<https://www.fcps.edu/node/32439>

Thank you for your time!