



# North Carolina Governor's School 2021

Holly Springs High

Mr. Ellington- Presenter

# Governor's School Overview

- The Governor's School of North Carolina is a 5 ½ week summer residential program for intellectually gifted high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on each of two campuses
- The curriculum focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, and does not involve credit, tests, or grades

Video Link



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- Oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students in the nation
- Open to juniors only (exceptions made for sophomores in selected performing arts areas)

## *Two Campuses:*

- Governor's School West at Salem College in Winston-Salem (began in 1963)
- Governor's School East at Meredith College in Raleigh (began in 1978)



Students are assigned a campus, requests for specific campuses are not entertained.

Students MUST commit to attending for the entire 5<sup>1/2</sup> weeks. No late arrivals or early exits allowed.

Students may only return home for one weekend/mid-session break.

<b><i>Opening Day</i></b>	<b><i>Parents' Day</i></b>	<b><i>Mid-Session Break</i></b>	<b><i>Closing Day</i></b>
June 20	July 8th	July 8th-11th	July 28th



# Primary Resource

- NCDPI Governor's School website:  
<http://www.ncgovschool.org>



- All applications must be completed electronically, then printed and signed.

# Academic Achievement Criteria

- Students are nominated/selected in these disciplines:

Discipline	
Art	Natural Science
Choral Music	Social Science
Dance	Theater
English	World Language: French
Instrumental Music	World Language: Spanish
Mathematics	

- In addition to Area I classes (in the discipline in which a student is nominated), students also participate in Area II and Area III classes
- Classes meet twice a day, Monday through Friday, and once on Saturday. (Area II and Area III classes meet three times a week each.)

# *Eligibility Requirements*

- North Carolina resident
- *Exchange students not eligible*
- Attend federal high school
- Presently enrolled in 11<sup>th</sup> grade in North Carolina public schools (e.g., local school districts, charter, federal) or non-public schools (e.g., private, home schools, etc.)
- Exceptions for rising junior nominations are made in choral music, dance, and instrumental music
- *No former Governor's School student is eligible*



# *Eligibility Requirements*

- Students nominated as sophomores, but do not attend may be re-nominated as junior
- Must meet achievement criterion established by Wake County Public School System:
  - Academic Nominee:
    - 3.75 unweighted GPA
  - Arts Nominee:
    - 3.5 unweighted GPA





# *Eligibility Requirements*

- Unweighted GPA criteria used only for eligibility purposes
- Once met, unweighted GPA criteria is not used in selection process
- Auditions (*for Performing/Visual Arts nominees only*)



# *Financial Responsibilities*

- All WCPSS students qualified and selected by DPI to participate will be able to attend
- The total fee is \$500.00. WCPSS will pay \$250.00, so the student pays *\$250.00*
- Financial requirements for invited WCPSS will be sent with your acceptance information form



# Nomination Packet & Forms

[Governor's School Student Packet Link](#)

- Download the Nomination Packet for comprehensive information about the program, curriculum, timelines, eligibility and selection criteria, auditions, forms, tuition/scholarships, and more
- The WCPSS submission deadline *is much earlier than the packet date, due to our district's size. WCPSS Central Service Academic and Art team reviews and selects our limited number of nominees to continue the process*
- Forms in the Packet must be completed electronically. **To complete, download it from the site, save and print an individual form.**
- No handwritten applications will be accepted



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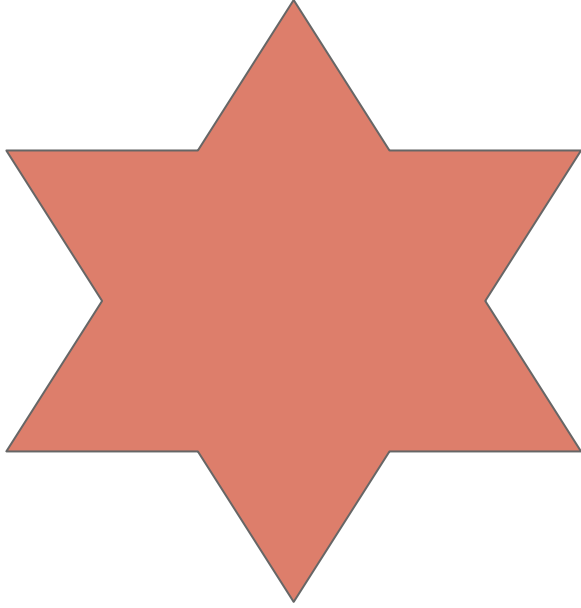
# *Students Complete and Submit to School*

- Student Application
- Experience Form
- Recommendation Form (two per student)
- <http://www.ncgovschool.org>
- all documents must be electronically uploaded



# *Governor's School Recommendations*

- Recommendation Form (two per student)
  - Ask for recommendations early, and only from people who will give you a good reference
  - One recommendation from a teacher in your application area. (preferred)
  - The recommendations must be completed **electronically** and emailed to the GS Contact



*Expect  
competition to be  
extremely high!*

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- Writing high quality essays is critical to set you above the typical Governor's School Applicant.
  - Essays, and the explanation of why extracurricular participation was valuable will highly influence candidate selection. Do not underestimate the written portions!

# *Important Dates*

- **School Application Turn In Date: Nov. 6 by 1:00pm**
- **WCPSS Begins Application Review: Nov. 12**
- **WCPSS mails students' review results** (nomination to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to continue in the section process)
- **Note the differences between DPI nomination deadline (Dec. 1) and WCPSS date (Nov. 12).**  
Additional processing time is required due to our size and amazing, but highly competitive applicant pool



# Auditions

- Follow NCDPI guidelines for audition selections and requirements
- Ensure that students and teachers of the arts are aware of the guidelines
- WCPSS Auditions:

***Upload a video of your performance***



# Application Review Process

## Completion Details:

- Use Checklist to ensure accurate completion of application
- Upload the applications
- Essay Considerations
  - Experience
  - Summer camps are not residential schools

*\*\*Incomplete or handwritten applications will not be accepted.*

# Questions?

- Send academic and procedural questions to *Alan Ellington* at *aellington@wcpss.net*
- For questions regarding auditions and the arts confirm with both *Patchett, Biasi, or Stauderman* and *Ellington*



# *Next Step*

Email Mr. Ellington at [aellington@wcpss.net](mailto:aellington@wcpss.net) if you intend to apply and include which subject area you will be pursuing (must choose only one area)