

# 2021 Virginia Summer Residential Governor's School

**WHO:** Current LCPS sophomores and juniors may apply

**WHAT:** Summer Residential Governor's School (SRGS) is a highly selective, month-long, college-like, residential program for selected gifted and talented high school students. The areas of study are:

Visual and Performing Arts  
Humanities  
Mathematics, Science and Technology  
Agriculture

Mentorships are available in:

Marine Science (VIMS)  
Medicine & Health Sciences  
Engineering (NASA)

**WHEN:** Programs usually begin at the end of June and conclude at the end of July. Individual program length may vary. If selected, you must commit for the entire duration of the program.

**WHERE:** SRGS is held at various college and university campuses throughout the Commonwealth. Please refer to the Summer Residential Governor's School website for location information and dates.

**COST:** LCPS pays a portion of the cost (tuition, room/board). **Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation costs and the Activity Fee.** The Activity Fee varies by Governor's School. Students in need may apply for the Activity Fee Waiver form which is available on the Governor's School website. Remaining costs are funded through the Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia Department of Education, the host university, and, occasionally, private foundations. **Students must provide their own transportation to and from the SRGS host campus and are expected to have their spending money.**

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

- **ALL APPLICANTS** must submit a **TYPED application**, which will be **due in December 2020 (no exceptions)** to their school Counselors. Please check with your counselor for your school due date. The application includes the following:
  - **Teacher references (2)** which includes a **rating sheet and a narrative**
  - **Essay (academic applications only)**
  - **Parent and student signatures**
- **Visual and Performing Arts applicants** must also complete the following steps:
  - Participate in the **LCPS Preliminary Audition on November 9, 2020**. The audition is VIRTUAL this year. Audition requirements for the LCPS preliminary audition are found on the LCPS Gifted and Talented Governor's School webpage.
  - **Register online for the Preliminary Audition by October 20, 2020.** **Registration Form** is found on the LCPS Gifted Education Website, Governor's School webpage
  - Students selected by the local judges will go on to the **State Auditions, held in January 2021.**
- **ALL LCPS APPLICATIONS** are read, scored, and ranked by a committee in late January 2021. Applicants are then ranked by total score, highest to lowest. VPA

applicants are ranked separately. Nomination quotas are filled according to total score. Applications of nominees are forwarded to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). The VDOE makes admission decisions and students and parents are notified by mail after mid-April 2021.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**October 1, 2020** – Registration opens for LCPS Preliminary VPA Auditions.

**October 20, 2020**– Audition registration deadline for LCPS Preliminary VPA Auditions.

**November 2, 2020**– Deadline to submit videotaped auditions

**November 16, 2020** – ALL LCPS VPA students who participated in the local audition are notified of their audition results via email.

**Mid December 2020** – Successful Visual and Performing Arts applicants are notified of their state audition time and place.

**December 2020** – **ALL APPLICATIONS** (both Academic and VPA) due to Counselors. Check with your school counselor for your due date.

**January 2021** – State Auditions for Visual and Performing Arts applicants. Date and Locations TBA

**February 8, 2021** – Letters emailed to LCPS students notifying them of their application status. Successful applicants are nominated for admission and their applications are forwarded to the Virginia Department of Education.

**Mid-April 2021** – ALL nominees notified by email of their admission status.

***For more information, please visit the Governor's School website at the Virginia Department of Education webpage. The 2021 SRGS webpage will be updated to reflect 2021 information in early October. Please wait until the webpage is updated before starting your application.***

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