2020 Virginia Summer Residential Governor’s School

WHO: Only current 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 2019 (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 4, 2019, at Stone Bridge High School. Audition requirements for the LCPS preliminary audition are the same as the state audition requirements.
  - Register online for the Preliminary Audition by October 18, 2019. 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 2020.
- **ALL LCPS APPLICATIONS** are read, scored, and ranked by a committee in late January 2020. 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 2020. Letters are mailed from the VDOE in Richmond and may take a few days to be delivered.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**September – October** – Information sessions are held at each high school during the school day

**October 1, 2019** – County-wide Evening Information Session, 7:00 – 8:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) in the Auditorium at Stone Bridge HS, 43100 Hay Road, Ashburn.

**October 18, 2019** – Audition registration deadline for Preliminary LCPS VPA Auditions.

**October 24, 2019** – VPA LCPS preliminary audition letters notifying students of their audition time emailed to students/parents.

**November 4, 2019** – LCPS local audition for Visual and Performing Arts at Stone Bridge HS

**November 13, 2019** – ALL LCPS VPA students who participated in the local audition are notified of their audition results via email.

**Mid December 2019** – Successful Visual and Performing Arts applicants are notified of their state audition time and place.

**December 2019** – ALL APPLICATIONS (both Academic and VPA) due to Counselors. Check with your school counselor for your due date.

**January 2020** – State Auditions for Visual and Performing Arts applicants. Date and Locations TBA

**February 10, 2020** – 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 2020** – ALL nominees notified by mail of their admission status. Please note: The notification letters are mailed from the Virginia Department of Education in Richmond, not LCPS, and may take a few days to be delivered.

*For more information, please visit the Governor’s School website at the Virginia Department of Education webpage. The 2020 SRGS webpage will be updated to reflect 2020 information in early October. Please wait until the webpage is updated before starting your application.*

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