

**JHS  
GOVERNOR'S  
SCHOOL  
INFO SESSION**

**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

# WHAT IS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL?

- The Governor's School is a statewide residential summer program for academically or intellectually gifted high school students. The program, which is open to current sophomores and juniors is located at High Point University and Meredith College. Governor's School provides an academic environment that thrives upon the intellectual curiosity of students. Students are expected to be able to blend intellectual discussion with practical application of theory.
- Link: Youtube video
- <https://youtu.be/fXsVlx2sAKE>
- <https://youtu.be/2KAaEDlhmPE>

# AREA DESCRIPTIONS

- Area I is the area of a student's special interest on which the student is chosen to attend Governor's School
- Current 11th graders may be nominated for the following areas: English, Spanish, French, Mathematics, Natural Science, Social Science, Art, Choral Music, Instrumental Music, Dance, Theater
- Current 10th graders may be nominated for the following areas only: Choral Music, Instrumental Music, Dance



**A MESSAGE FROM  
GOVERNOR'S  
SCHOOL ALUM!**

# ELIGIBILITY

- You must meet the achievement criterion as established by the Board of Governors for the North Carolina Governor's School. This means a national percentile score of 92% or above on an approved achievement test OR a state percentile score of 92% or above on an allowable North Carolina End-of-Course (EOC) Test
- See your counselor to confirm you meet Governor's School Eligibility Requirements!
  - Testing – If you do not meet the 92 percentile cutoff, there is an option to test. You must see Ms. Machak ASAP in Student Services or by email [Sarah.Machak@dpsnc.net](mailto:Sarah.Machak@dpsnc.net).

# IMPORTANT DATES

- October 30<sup>th</sup> - Applications due to Ms. Machak in Student Services by 4:15pm (for review)
- November 1<sup>st</sup> - Last chance applications will be due by 4:15pm
  - *Applications submit on November 1<sup>st</sup> that are missing components may not be eligible to submit to the district. Students should confirm they have all components before submitting on this date.*
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – Final nominations sent to state

# APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Basic Information and Nomination Discipline
2. Essays (Essay #1 – everyone responds, Essay #2 – specific to nomination area)
  1. Follow the instructions
  2. Understand the prompts
  3. Do your own work
3. Personal Readiness (activities, awards, and experience that have prepared you)
  1. This is the section where you describe what makes you ready for a summer residential experience.
4. TWO Recommendations

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Family members may not complete/submit recommendations.
- At least one recommendation must be from a high school teacher, preferably in the nomination area. If a nomination-area teacher is not available, choose another teacher.
- **Recommenders should download the Recommendation Form and complete it electronically. – Upon completion, the recommender should print the form, sign it, place it in a sealed envelope and submit it to you or the appropriate local school official. You, as the student, should not read it.**
- Only two Recommendation Forms will be accepted. No other documents (e.g., substitute letters, additional recommendations, etc.) will be accepted.
- Please note that recommendations **MUST** be completed electronically. Handwritten or attached letters **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. NO MORE THAN TWO FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED PER STUDENT.** The Governor's School will not consider them and it holds up the process.



# HELPFUL TIPS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

- Nomination Discipline – Pick something that you are both capable and passionate about
- Essays – Start working on your essays long before they are due; last-minute efforts usually are not fruitful. Also, there is not a ‘correct answer’ to the essay prompts. Readers are wanting to gain insight into how you think about these topics, not just what you think.
- Personal Readiness – List those activities, awards and experiences that demonstrate your readiness and fitness for the Governor’s School experience. Leadership, dedication and a willingness to take on challenges are good qualities.
- Recommendations – Find those who can 1) be honest and 2) speak well of you. Also, high ratings alone are usually insufficient; additional input in the free-response sections help support the ratings. Our readers often have more confidence in well-supported ‘Very Good’ marks than unsupported ‘Superior’ marks.

# HELPFUL TIPS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

- **Student Email – page 1 of the Student Application**
  - Use email you check regularly. DPS email cannot accept responses unless you fix that in the settings
  - For arts programs that require auditions, information about auditions is sent to this email
- **Essay #1 “PROMPT: Identify and discuss one or more of the most pressing questions you have about how the world works. How are you planning to pursue answers?”**
  - Students need to address both parts of this prompt (A: identify and discuss.... B: plans to pursue answers) Last year, many students only identified and discussed, but gave little or no attention to how they planned to pursue answers.
- **Personal Readiness**
  - This section has been divided into three columns (School, Community, and Awards/Honors) and the student is asked to use bulleted lists.
  - Organizing the list with headers is helpful (Freshman Year, Sophomore Year, Junior Year OR by activities.
  - If the student is using an acronym or an activity reviewers may not be familiar with, please have them identify.
    - Example: Duke SPLASH (interactive seminars by Duke students)

# HTTP://WWW.NCGOVVSCHOOL.ORG/

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN DIVISION

## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL OF NORTH CAROLINA

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Google Search!



### NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

#### Nomination Packet for the 2020 Governor's School

The Nomination Packet for the 2020 session is below.

[2020 Nomination Packet](#)

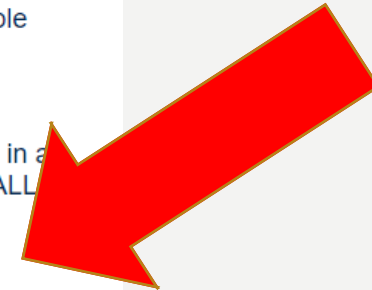
This includes all overview information about Governor's School and sample forms. Individual fillable forms are available below for download.

#### Individual Forms

DIRECTIONS: First download and save the form to your computer. Then open that saved version in a pdf-reading program (e.g., Adobe Acrobat Reader) to enable all features and to enter/save data. ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED ELECTRONICALLY; handwritten forms will be returned.

- **Student Application** [Acrobat Reader version](#) [Chromebook version](#) (for student use only)
- **Recommendation Form** [Acrobat Reader version](#) [Chromebook version](#) (for use by those writing recommendations)
- **Student Eligibility Form** [Acrobat Reader version](#) [Chromebook version](#) (for use only by school counselors)
- **Nomination Form** [Acrobat Reader version](#) [Chromebook version](#) (for use only by the official Governor's School Contact in a school system, charter school or private school)

NOTE: Chromebook-compatible versions of all forms are being developed and will be uploaded to this page shortly.





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PICK UP A  
CHECKLIST  
FROM YOUR  
COUNSELOR  
TODAY!**

Please share  
feedback on this  
presentation using  
the code below.

