

STUDENT SELECTION/ENROLLMENT POLICY

Selection of students for Commonwealth Governor's School is based on a multiple criteria process designed to seek out academically gifted and highly motivated students. Information is collected and analyzed from a variety of sources. Students may be selected for the Commonwealth Governor's School program if they have demonstrated high performance in one or more of the following categories:

- General Intellectual Aptitude;
- Specific Academic Aptitude; or
- Technical and Practical Arts Aptitude.

Rising 9th – 12th grade students from the participating school divisions are eligible to apply. Each school division is responsible for the student selection process with uniform agreement being determined for the criteria, selection, and notification procedures. Application for admission must be made through the division superintendent, or designee, of the public school division of residency. A school division's selection committee shall function within the guidelines established by state regulations as outlined in the division's Plan for the Gifted.

The participating school divisions may permit students who are either (1) enrolled in a non-public school; (2) receiving home school instruction; or (3) enrolled in a non-participating school division to apply to the Commonwealth Governor's School according to the following criteria:

- Application for admission and enrollment to the Commonwealth Governor's School should be made through the division superintendent, or designee, of the public school division of residency or anticipated residency.
- An official transcript should be submitted to the division superintendent, or designee, of the public school division of residency or anticipated residency.
- These applicants should be screened for admission in accordance with the same criteria used for all other students.
- Notification of acceptance should come from the public school division and enrollment will be determined based on local school division policy and procedures.
- Local school division procedures on enrollment into the Commonwealth Governor's School of non-public school, home school, or out-of-county public school applicants should be clearly stated as part of the Commonwealth Governor's School application.

An enrolled Commonwealth Governor's School student who withdraws from a participating school division shall be withdrawn from the Commonwealth Governor's School. An enrolled Commonwealth Governor's School student who withdraws from one participating school division and enrolls in another participating school division can request of the school division superintendent, or designee, of the public school division of residency enrollment in the Commonwealth Governor's School of that division. Enrollment in that division's Commonwealth Governor's School shall be determined by the office of the division superintendent.