The Commonwealth Governor's School

Student Information Session

Spotsylvania County Middle Schools

November 3-11, 2021

Overview

- Established in 1998
- Six total sites across four counties with 12 participating high schools
- School within a school model
  - Half day program at 2 different sites within Spotsylvania County focused on core content areas (mathematics, science, English, social studies)
    - Riverbend HS
      - Serves Riverbend HS
      - Serves Chancellor HS
    - Spotsylvania HS
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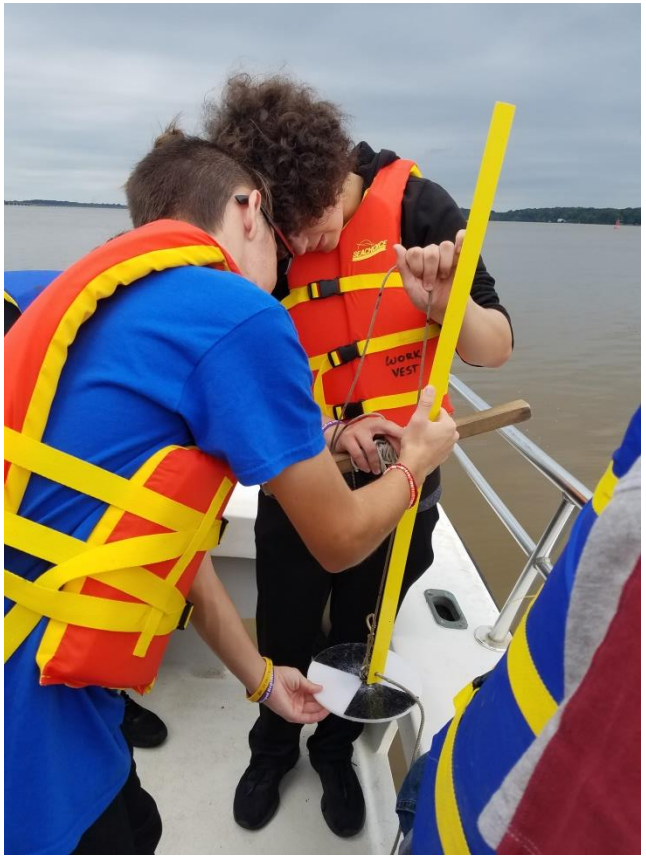
      - Serves Courtland HS
      - Serves Massaponax HS



Overview (continued)

EXAMPLES

- French Revolution Salon
- Henrietta Lacks, Genetics, & Ethics
- Astronomy & Equations of Ellipses

- Interdisciplinary approach to learning
  - Focused on helping students see the connections between content areas and learning big picture concepts
  - Access to real-world, relevant learning experiences in all content areas

Eligibility

- Gifted or high-achieving students AND highly motivated learners
- Students in grades 9-12
- Must successfully complete Algebra I by the end of the spring in 8th grade to be eligible to apply

Field Experiences

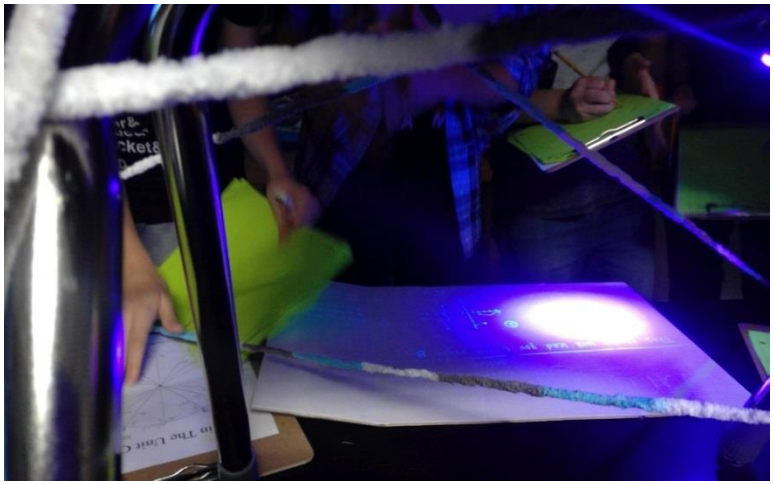
- 6-8 field experiences per grade level per year; 1-2 per subject area

Culminating Project

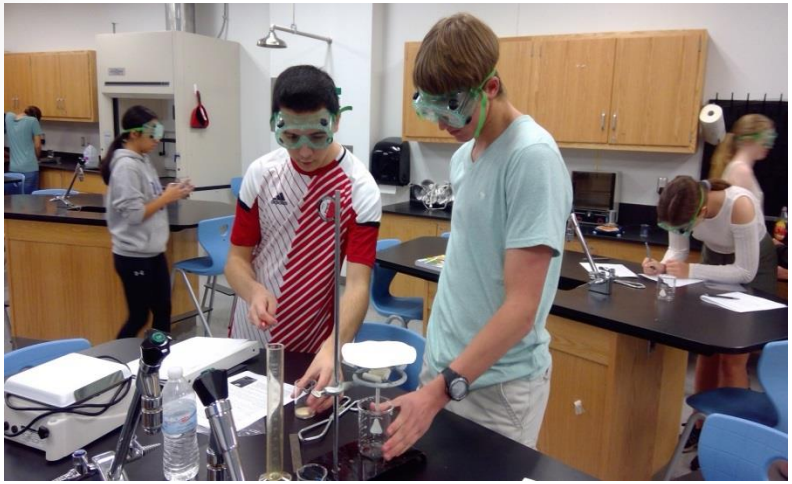
- Research project
- Focused on student's personal interest
- Receive an elective credit at the conclusion of 12th grade
- Opportunity to work with an expert in selected field of research
- New intersession model that allows students to work exclusively on research throughout the school year

CGS Mathematics

- Pathway 1
  - Honors Algebra II,
  - Honors Geometry,
  - Honors Math Analysis,
  - AP Statistics
- Pathway 2
  - Honors Algebra II,
  - Honors Math Analysis,
  - AP Calculus AB,
  - AP Statistics **OR** AP Calculus BC & Multivariable Calculus



CGS Science



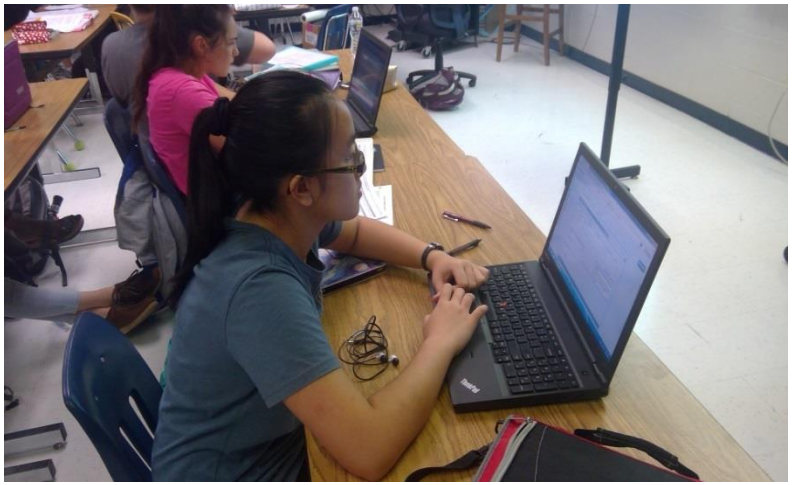
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Biology
- DE Chemistry
- AP Physics 1

CGS English

- Honors English 9
- Honors English 10
- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition

CGS Social Studies

- AP European History
- AP Government
- AP U.S. History
- AP Human Geography



College Credits

- 12 Advanced Placement Courses
  - If testing in all courses and earning a minimum passing score of a 3, students can earn a minimum of 36 college credits
- 1 Dual Enrolled Course
  - 4 college credits in Chemistry 101 & 101 Lab

Extracurricular Involvement

CGS Support

- Peer Support
  - Cohort model
- Academic Support
  - Tutoring
  - Note-taking, Time Management & Scheduling Lessons
- Social-Emotional Support
  - Dedicated CGS Program Counselor
  - Lessons on coping with stress & anxiety
- PTO Social Events

Application Evaluation

Category	Maximum Total Points
Academic Information • Ability Measure, • Achievement Measure 1 (Reading Comprehension), • Achievement Measure 2 (Math), & • Grade Point Average	80
Recommendations • English Teacher, • Math Teacher, • Other Teacher, • Teacher/Mentor/Coach • Top 3 out of 4 scores taken	36
Portfolio & Interview • Includes 1 work sample • Panel interview	30 - Portfolio 36 - Interview
Grand Total	182

Application Process Timeline

- Advanced Programs Information Nights
  - November 30 – Riverbend HS
  - December 7 – Spotsylvania HS
- Application opens online – December 13
- Application closes – January 21
- Testing Window – Week of January 24
  - Achievement testing will be administered in reading comprehension and mathematics to all applicants.
  - Ability testing will be administered to any student who has not completed one in the past 12 months.
- Interview/Portfolio Date – February 5
- Acceptance Notification – February 22

Best Wishes & Good Luck!

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