



The Commonwealth Governor's School

4E Education Expo

Spotsylvania County Public Schools

November 1, 2023

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
 - Serves Spotsylvania HS
 - 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



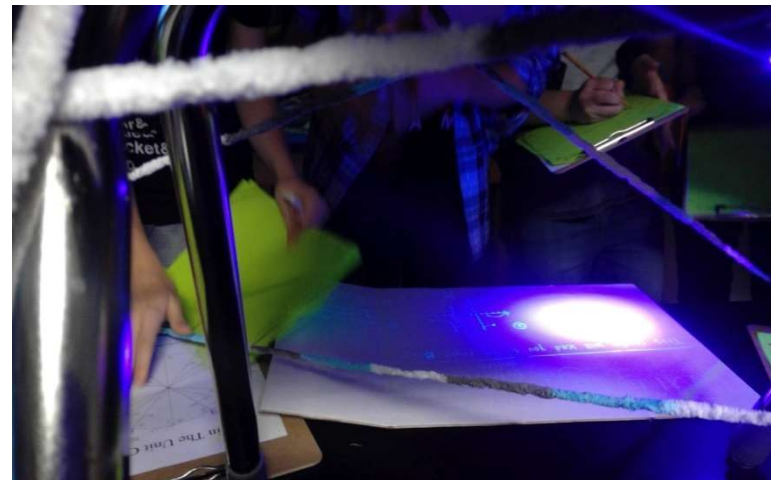
Culminating Project



- 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
- Intersession model that allows students to work exclusively on research throughout the school year

CGS Mathematics

- Pathway 1 – completed Algebra I in MS
 - Honors Algebra II,
 - Honors Geometry,
 - AP Precalculus,
 - AP Statistics
- Pathway 2 – completed Algebra I & Geometry in MS
 - Honors Algebra II,
 - AP Precalculus,
 - 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



- 13 Advanced Placement Courses
 - If testing in all courses and earning a minimum passing score of a 3, students can earn a minimum of 39 college credits
- 1 Dual Enrolled Course
 - 4 college credits in Chemistry 101 & 101 Lab

College Preparation

- What types of college acceptances do CGS graduates earn?
 - In-State Acceptances
 - CGS graduates have been accepted to every college and university in The Commonwealth of Virginia, including:
 - Washington & Lee University
 - University of Virginia
 - University of Richmond
 - College of William & Mary
 - Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
 - George Mason University
 - James Madison University
 - Virginia Military Institute
 - University of Mary Washington
 - Christopher Newport University

College Preparation (continued)

- Out-of-State Acceptances
 - CGS graduates have attended all 8 Ivy League schools, including:
 - Harvard University
 - Yale University
 - Princeton University
 - Brown University
 - Columbia University
 - Cornell University
 - University of Pennsylvania
 - Dartmouth College
 - CGS graduates have also attended other prestigious, highly selective schools across the country including:
 - All of the federal military academies & several senior military colleges
 - See the full list at <http://cgsva.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/College-Acceptances-Collective.pdf>
- International Acceptances
 - The American International University in London
 - University of Seoul
 - London School of Economics & Political Science

Extracurricular Involvement



CGS Support

- Peer Support
 - Cohort model
- Academic Support
 - Tutoring
 - Note-taking, Time Management & Scheduling Lessons
- Social-Emotional Support
 - Lessons on coping with stress & anxiety
- PTO Social Events
 - Fall Social
 - Snowball Semi-Formal Dance
 - Summer Picnic



Application Evaluation

| Category | Maximum Total Points |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Academic Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability Measure,• Achievement Measure 1 (Reading Comprehension),• Achievement Measure 2 (Math), &• Grade Point Average | 80 |
| Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Teacher,• Math Teacher,• Other Teacher,• Teacher/Mentor/Coach<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top 3 out of 4 scores taken | 36 |
| Project & Interview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes 1 work sample• Panel interview | 30 - Project 36 - Interview |
| Grand Total | 182 |

Application Process Timeline

- Advanced Programs Information Nights
 - November 27 – Riverbend HS – CGS Open House
 - November 29 – Spotsylvania HS – IB & CGS Open House
- Application opens online – December 11
- Application closes – January 12 @ 11:59pm
- Testing Window – Weeks of January 15-26
 - 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/Project Date – February 3 (virtual)
- Acceptance Notification – February 20

Best Wishes & Good Luck!

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