



Gloucester County Public Schools
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to invite families of current 7th, 8th and 9th grade students to learn more about the Academic Year Governor's School programs. These programs are available to students showing advanced potential and interest in mathematics and the sciences, such as: 7th grade students in Algebra, 8th grade students in Algebra or Geometry, and 9th grade students in Geometry Honors or Algebra2/Trig Honors. Information will be available on the GCPS website as of January 10, 2022: <https://gets.gc.k12.va.us/governors-schools>

Gloucester participates in two Academic Year Governor's Schools:

- **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CBGS) for Marine & Environmental Science** serves 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students from 14 participating school divisions on the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. Gloucester's CBGS campus is located on the Rappahannock Community College campus in Glens, VA. Students spend the morning (8 AM – 10:30 AM) attending advanced science, mathematics, and research classes at CBGS and the other half of the day attending classes at Gloucester High School. Students have the *opportunity* to earn college credit hours across three years upon successful completion of the Virginia Placement Test (VPT) or meeting other specific criteria. More information is available at: <http://www.cbgs.k12.va.us>
- **The Governor's School for Science and Technology at New Horizons Regional Education Center (GSST)** serves 11th and 12th grade students from Gloucester, Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Williamsburg-James City County, and York County Schools. The campus is located off Butler Farm Rd in Hampton, VA. Students participate in one of three strands, depending on their prerequisites in mathematics and science: **Engineering Strand**, **Biological Science Strand**, and **Computational Science Strand**. This is also a half-day program (7:05 AM – 10:30 AM) and students have the *opportunity* to earn college credit hours across two years upon successful completion of the Virginia Placement Test (VPT) or meeting other specific criteria. More information is available at: <http://www.nhgs.tec.va.us> ****New for 2022**—all interested students can sign up for the **Prospective Student Pipeline Newsletter** on the GSST site—this program is no longer using the pre-admission series (PAS) application process in Grades 8 and 9.

Applications for both programs from students in Grades 9 or 10 are due to the GHS Counseling/Guidance Department by February 1. Please see your GHS Counselor for assistance. Middle school students do not need to complete any paperwork at this time. Please contact the GCPS Instructional Services/Office of Governor's Schools at 804-693-7498 if you have additional questions about these programs.

All interested students: Please complete this short form to let us know you are interested in one or both of these programs; 9th and 10th grade students may also request information about virtual Q&A options with GCPS/Governor's School staff: <https://tinyurl.com/GCPSgovschool2022>

We look forward to talking with you or your child about the Academic Year Governor's Schools.

Sincerely,

Bess Worley II, Ph.D.
Director of Assessment and Evaluation

Quick Facts Sheet

Academic Year Governor’s Schools for Gloucester County, Virginia

	Chesapeake Bay Governor’s School (CBGS)	Governor’s School for Science & Technology at New Horizons (AKA New Horizons Governor’s School, GSST)
Grades Served	10-12	11-12
Location	Rappahannock Community College (Glenns Campus)	Hampton (Butler Farm Campus)
Program Focus	Marine & Environmental Sciences	Biological Sciences, Computational Science, Engineering
Unique Features	Field-based with study trips; Junior Academy of Science Research during Senior year	Senior Mentorship opportunity; Prospective Student Pipeline (formerly PAS, for students in Gr. 9-10) https://nhrec.org/gsst/prospective-student-pipeline/
# of openings	Approximately 4-6 new slots open each year. (Total of 15 students, Grades 10-12)	Varies each year; approximately 3-8 new slots each year
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete Algebra I or Honors Geometry in 8th grade ▪ Strong interest in science & math ▪ <u>Recommended:</u> Take <i>Environmental Science Honors</i> in 9th grade; Students may also complete Biology Honors in 9th Grade in preparation for CBGS College Biology for Dual Enrollment Credit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete at least Algebra I in 8th grade--- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students interested in Engineering <u>must complete Math Analysis by end of 10th grade</u> ▪ Strong interest and ability in science and math ▪ <u>Must</u> successfully complete Biology Honors and Chemistry Honors <u>by end of 10th grade</u> ▪ <u>Must try to</u> take <u>PSAT</u> in fall of 10th Grade
Dual Enrollment Requirements	<p>Since July 2013: Virginia Community College System (VCCS) revised policy for Dual Enrollment. In order to receive transfer credit, high school students must meet minimum college and career readiness requirements before enrolling in the college-level course. Not all transfer courses will count toward a college degree—check with potential colleges for more information.</p> <p>Download the complete Transfer Virginia guide: https://tinyurl.com/Transfer-DE-Guide</p> <p>More information about CBGS/RCC testing is found here: https://www.rappahannock.edu/admissions/#tab-id-2</p> <p>NHGS/TNCC testing is found here: http://tncc.edu/students/become-a-student/</p>	
Application Deadline	<u>By February 1</u>	

For more information, see your School Counselor.