



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Department of Education**

**DATE:** October 6, 2017  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **2018 Governor's Summer Residential Program**

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce that the 2018 Governor's Summer Residential Program will include seven Summer Residential Governor's Schools (SRGS) and five Governor's Foreign Language Academies (GFLA). The SRGS offer gifted high school students opportunities for intensive study in academics, mentorships, and visual and performing arts. The GFLA offer full-immersion academies for French, German, and Spanish; a partial-immersion academy for Japanese; and a Latin Academy. The SRGS and GFLA are available to students enrolled in public and accredited private schools as well as home-schooled students. The attachment to this memorandum provides a list of important dates associated with the application process for these programs. The availability of these programs is contingent upon the provision of state funds by the 2018 General Assembly.

**Student Applications**

Applications, information, and administrative guides for the 2018 SRGS and GFLA are available electronically through the Virginia Department of Education's website. SRGS information is available at [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors\\_school\\_programs/summer\\_residential/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors_school_programs/summer_residential/index.shtml), and GFLA information can be found at [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/foreign\\_language/language\\_academies/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/foreign_language/language_academies/index.shtml).

**Eligibility**

Students may attend only one Governor's Summer Residential Program during their high school career. Public high school students may apply through their schools. Home-schooled students may apply by submitting a completed application to the principal of the public high school they are zoned to attend. The student's application then becomes part of that school's application process. Private school students may apply through their schools. Virginia residents who attend private schools outside the Commonwealth of Virginia should contact the appropriate specialist below. For eligibility and nomination requirements specific to each program, as well as detailed application submission procedures, please refer to the administrative guides available from the respective websites mentioned above.

**Application Process**

Every school division is guaranteed representation in the SRGS academic programs, which include agriculture; humanities; and mathematics, science, and technology. Admission to the visual and performing arts, medicine and health sciences, and mentorship programs is competitive; students are selected based on the strength of their applications, their ranking in the school division or private school region, and the needs of the programs.

Acceptance in the GFLA is competitive. Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance. A statewide selection committee reviews student applications and assessment results. Schools must order access codes for the required online testing by January 15, 2018. Order forms are available at the GFLA Web address listed above. The proctored online testing must be completed and submitted no later than January 31, 2018.

There are no testing materials for nominees to the Japanese Academy, as this program accepts beginners. Completed GFLA application packets (except for online testing) must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on January 26, 2018.

Gifted education coordinators and foreign language personnel should review the administrative guides carefully for detailed information about the application process, including highlighted changes. Student/parent guides have also been developed for students considering the academics and mentorship programs, the visual and performing arts program, or the foreign language programs.

### **Per Student Tuition Costs**

The cost of the Governor’s Summer Residential Programs is shared by the state and the nominating school division or private school. A division’s share for each student is based on the division’s current (2017-2018) composite index, not to exceed 50 percent of the program tuition. Public school divisions may not assess tuition for participation in these programs for students enrolled in a public school. Costs for private school students are the private school’s responsibility and are set at 50 percent of the tuition cost. The 2018 tuitions reflect the individual per student tuition costs and are listed below:

Agriculture	\$2,700
Foreign Language Academies	\$2,400
Humanities	\$1,950
Mathematics, Science, and Technology	\$1,950
Medicine and Health Sciences	\$3,200
Mentorships in Engineering and Marine Science	\$3,500
Visual and Performing Arts	\$2,050

### **Verification Reports**

School divisions and private schools must guarantee funding for all nominees. The verification report form, signed by school division superintendents or private school Heads of School, indicate their assurance that funding for tuition will be provided for all students they nominate. Please refer to the respective administrative guides for further details.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Governor’s Summer Residential Program. For information about the Governor’s Foreign Language Academies, please contact Dr. Lisa Harris, Specialist for Foreign Languages, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by email at [Lisa.Harris@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Lisa.Harris@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-3666. For information about the Summer Residential Governor’s Schools, please contact Dr. Donna L. Poland, Specialist for Governor’s Schools and Gifted Education, Office of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, by email at [Donna.Poland@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Donna.Poland@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-2884.

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### **Attachment:**

- A. [Important Dates Associated with 2018 Governor’s Summer Residential Programs](#) (Word)

