



## NPS High School Specialty Programs Information and Application Instructions

### General Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in applying for one or more of our NPS High School Specialty Programs for entry into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the beginning of 2024-2025 school year.

Please review all information and instructions here, in addition to exploring information about the specialty programs [on our website](#), reviewing our program brochure that briefly explains each program, and attending one or more program-specific information sessions/open houses prior to completing the online application.

Please note that applicants will indicate their program choice(s) when completing the online application. **Students may apply for up to three high school programs.** However, as part of the application, students will **rank** their program choices in the online application in the order of preference, so please be sure to have made those ranking decisions prior to accessing the application. Requirements of each program are included below.

**Online applications that contain all required components must be submitted by 11:59 pm on January 31, 2024.**

Only completed applications will be considered. **To be considered “complete,” applicants must ensure that they have submitted the following:**

- **An online application submitted by the deadline** (the application will send a confirmation email to the email provided in the application)
- **At least two teacher recommendations**, submitted online by providing the name of the teacher and their email address.  
Students who think they will be applying to attend a high school specialty program are encouraged to ask teachers to submit their recommendations early. The teacher recommendations must be from the following teachers (see “General Requirements” below):
  - **Math teacher**
  - **English teacher**
  - **General teacher** (the IB Program requires a recommendation from a world language teacher for the 3rd recommendation)
- **A recommendation from the student’s school counselor**, will also be submitted online. Students will need to submit the name of their counselor and the email address in the application.

All non-NPS applicants will also complete the above process. The NPS Secondary Programs office will be in contact with non-NPS applicants regarding needed academic records to accompany applications after the completed online application is received.

**Please call the Secondary Programs office at (757) 628-3989 with questions.**



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### NPS High School Program Requirements

General Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grader</b> and City of Norfolk resident</li> <li>• Positive attendance and discipline history*</li> <li>• Strong standardized test scores (must pass all 7<sup>th</sup> grade SOLs to be considered)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least two positive teacher recommendations (Math, English, and one other. For IB Programme applicants, the 3<sup>rd</sup> must be a world languages teacher)</li> <li>• School counselor recommendation</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Extenuating circumstances may be considered. The application includes space for explanations of extenuating circumstances, as needed.</i></p>	

Additional Program-Specific Requirements
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Academy of the Arts</b>  <b>Booker T. Washington High School</b>  <b>Contact: Ms. Angela Burns – <a href="mailto:adburns@nps.k12.va.us">adburns@nps.k12.va.us</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum “B” average in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and first two quarters of 8<sup>th</sup> grade required</li> <li>• Audition/Portfolio and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Academy of Leadership and Military Science</b>  <b>Lake Taylor High School</b>  <b>Contact: Master Chief Charles Clarke – <a href="mailto:cclarke2@nps.k12.va.us">cclarke2@nps.k12.va.us</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum “C” average in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and first two quarters of 8<sup>th</sup> grade required</li> <li>• Interview and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed)</li> </ul> <p><b>Prior to beginning the program, students must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a current sports physical</li> <li>• Attend Summer Orientation Camp (Summer 2024)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Leadership Center for the Sciences and Engineering</b>  <b>Norview High School</b>  <b>Contact: Ms. Katherine Arroyo – <a href="mailto:kiarroyo@nps.k12.va.us">kiarroyo@nps.k12.va.us</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum “B” average in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and first two quarters of 8<sup>th</sup> grade required</li> <li>• 1 or more high school math credit(s) - Algebra I (minimum). 2 credits, including Geometry, is preferred</li> <li>• 1 high school credit in French or Spanish</li> <li>• 1 high school credit in Biology or Earth Science (honors level preferred)</li> <li>• Entrance exam and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed)</li> </ul> <p><b>Prior to beginning the program, students must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with Ms. Arroyo to set their schedules (May/June of 2024)</li> <li>• Attend 4-day Summer Orientation Camp (mid-August of 2024)</li> </ul>



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<p><b>International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme</b> <b>Granby High School</b> <b>Contact: Ms. Heidi Kirby– <a href="mailto:hkirby@nps.k12.va.us">hkirby@nps.k12.va.us</a></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum “B” average in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and first two quarters of 8<sup>th</sup> grade required</li><li>• 1 high school credit in Algebra I</li><li>• 1 high school credit in French, Latin, or Spanish. NOTE: Students who do not meet the world language requirement may still apply and should contact Ms. Gardner for more information.</li><li>• 1 high school credit in science (preferred)</li><li>• Entrance exam and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed)</li></ul>
<p><b>Medical and Health Specialties Program</b> <b>Maury High School</b> <b>Contact: Mr. Travis Mansell – <a href="mailto:tmansell@nps.k12.va.us">tmansell@nps.k12.va.us</a></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum “B” average in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and first two quarters of 8<sup>th</sup> grade required</li><li>• 1 high school credit in Algebra I</li><li>• 1 additional high school credit (preferred: Honors Biology or Honors Earth Science)</li><li>• Entrance exam and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed)</li></ul> <p><b>Prior to beginning the program, students must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend half-day orientation program in August 2024</li></ul>

### **Important Dates & Deadlines for High School Specialty Programs**

12/5/23 – Online applications become available for submission – visit the [NPS Specialty Programs page](#) for the link  
1/31/24 at 11:59 pm – Deadline to submit completed online application, including 2 teacher and 1 counselor recommendation forms

March 2024 – Testing, auditions, essays, and portfolio reviews (invitation only to qualified applicants based upon initial review of online application submissions).

4/12/24 – Notifications of acceptance, waitlist, or denial mailed to all applicants

5/6/24 - Deadline for students and families to notify programs of their intent to attend the program to which they were accepted for the 2024-2025 school year.