



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 9th grade at the beginning of 2023-2024 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, 2023.

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)
- **Four teacher recommendations**, submitted online by providing teachers with this [link](#). Students who think they will be applying to attend a high school specialty program are encouraged to ask teachers to submit their recommendations early, even if students have not yet decided the program(s) to which they will apply. Teachers may submit recommendations prior to the student’s submission of the online application. However, **all teacher recommendations must be submitted by 11:59 pm on January 31, 2023.** The teacher recommendations must be from the following teachers (see “General Requirements” below):
 - **Math teacher**
 - **Science teacher**
 - **English teacher**
 - **General teacher** (the IB Program requires a recommendation from a world language teacher for the 4th recommendation)
- **A recommendation from the student’s school counselor**, submitted online by providing the counselor with this [link](#). Again, students who think they will be applying to attend any of the programs are encouraged to ask their counselor to submit their recommendations early. Counselors may submit recommendations prior to the student’s submission of the online application. However, the **counselor recommendation must be submitted by 11:59 pm on January 31, 2023.**

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"> Rising 9th grader and City of Norfolk resident Positive attendance and discipline history* Strong standardized test scores (must pass all 7th grade SOLs to be considered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 positive teacher recommendations (math, science, English, and one other. For IB Programme applicants, the 4th must be a world languages teacher) School counselor recommendation
<p><i>*Extenuating circumstances may be considered. The application includes space for explanations of extenuating circumstances, as needed.</i></p>	

Additional Program-Specific Requirements
Academy of the Arts Booker T. Washington High School Contact: Ms. Angela Burns – adburns@nps.k12.va.us
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum “B” average in 7th grade and first two quarters of 8th grade required Audition/Portfolio and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed)
Academy of Leadership and Military Science Lake Taylor High School Contact: Master Chief Charles Clarke – cclarke2@nps.k12.va.us
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum “C” average in 7th grade and first two quarters of 8th grade required Interview and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed) <p>Prior to beginning the program, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a current sports physical Attend Summer Orientation Camp (Summer 2023)
Leadership Center for the Sciences and Engineering Norview High School Contact: Ms. Katherine Arroyo – kiarroyo@nps.k12.va.us
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum “B” average in 7th grade and first two quarters of 8th grade required 1 or more high school math credit(s) - Algebra I (minimum). 2 credits, including Geometry, is preferred 1 high school credit in French or Spanish 1 high school credit in Biology or Earth Science (honors level preferred) Entrance exam and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed) <p>Prior to beginning the program, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Ms. Arroyo to set their schedules (May/June of 2023) Attend 4-day Summer Orientation Camp (mid-August of 2023)



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International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Granby High School Contact: Ms. Rebecca Gardner – rgardner@nps.k12.va.us
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum “B” average in 7th grade and first two quarters of 8th grade required• 1 high school credit in Algebra I• 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.• 1 high school credit in science (preferred)• Entrance exam and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed)
Medical and Health Specialties Program Maury High School Contact: Mr. Travis Mansell – tmansell@nps.k12.va.us
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum “B” average in 7th grade and first two quarters of 8th grade required• 1 high school credit in Algebra I• 1 additional high school credit (preferred: Honors Biology or Honors Earth Science)• Entrance exam and essay (invitations for qualifying students will be sent after the initial online application is reviewed) <p>Prior to beginning the program, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend half-day orientation program in August 2023

Important Dates & Deadlines for High School Specialty Programs

12/1/22 – Online applications become available for submission – visit the [NPS Specialty Programs page](#) for the link
1/31/23 at 11:59 pm – Deadline to submit completed online application, including all 4 teacher and 1 counselor recommendation forms

March 2023 – Testing, auditions, essays, and portfolio reviews (invitation only to qualified applicants based upon initial review of online application submissions).

4/17/23 – Notifications of acceptance, waitlist, or denial mailed to all applicants

5/5/23 - Deadline for students and families to notify programs of their intent to attend the program to which they were accepted for the 2023-2024 school year.