



## 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 2025-2026 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 December 13, 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 3 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**
  - **Students’ choice of teacher**
- **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

<b><u>General Requirements</u></b>	
<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 3 positive teacher recommendations (Math, English, and one other.</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>	

<b>Additional Program-Specific Requirements</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Academy of the Arts</b> Booker T. Washington High School Contact: Ms. Angela Burns – <a href="mailto:adburns@nps.k12.va.us">adburns@nps.k12.va.us</a></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> Lake Taylor High School Contact: Master Chief Charles Clarke – <a href="mailto:cclarke2@nps.k12.va.us">cclarke2@nps.k12.va.us</a></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 2025)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Leadership Center for the Sciences and Engineering</b> Norview High School Contact: Ms. Katherine Arroyo – <a href="mailto:kiarroyo@nps.k12.va.us">kiarroyo@nps.k12.va.us</a></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>• Math entrance exam (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 2025)</li> <li>• Attend 4-day Summer Orientation Camp (mid-August of 2025)</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 Note: Students who do not meet the algebra 1 requirement will need 1 high school credit in a World Language and 1 additional high school credit in a science or social studies</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. Kirby for more information.</li><li>• 1 high school credit in science (preferred)</li><li>• Math entrance exam (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>• Math entrance exam (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 2025</li></ul>

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

- October 18, 2024 – Online applications become available for submission
- December 13, 2024 at 11:59 pm – Deadline to submit completed online application, including teacher and counselor recommendation forms
- January 11-January 17 – Testing, auditions, essays, and portfolio reviews (invitation only to qualified applicants based upon initial review of online application submissions).
- February 28, 2025 – Notifications of acceptance, waitlist, or denial mailed to all applicants
- March 14, 2025- Deadline for students and families to notify programs of their intent to attend the program to which they were accepted for the 2025-2026 school year.