



## NPS Middle School Specialty Programs Information and Application Instructions

### General Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in applying for one or more of our NPS Middle School Specialty Programs for entry into the 6<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 middle 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 for each program are included below.

**Online applications that contain all required components must be submitted by 11:59 pm on January 31, 2023.**

To be considered “complete,” applicants must ensure that they have submitted the following:

- ☐ **A completed online application** (the application will send a confirmation email to the email provided 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 application is received

### NPS Middle School Program General Requirements

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<p><b>Rising 6th grader</b> and City of Norfolk resident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Positive attendance and discipline history*</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Successfully completed all elementary core subjects with a grade of B or better.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Have passed all 4<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Tests**</li></ul> <p><i>*Extenuating circumstances may be considered with explanation. The application includes space for this information, as needed.</i></p> <p><i>**Alternate assessments may be considered for students not enrolled in a Virginia public school.</i></p>	<p>Maintain enrollment requirements per program enrollment agreement contract</p> <p>Completed online application that includes short answer responses to four questions. Only online applications will be accepted.</p>
Additional Requirements for Young Scholars Program Applicants	
<p>The Young Scholars Program requires that applicants be identified as gifted in General Intellectual Aptitude (GIA) or Specific Academic Aptitude (SAA) for Math, Communication Skills, or both.</p> <p>If you have questions about eligibility for the Young Scholars program, please contact Ms. Karla Stead in the Office of Academic Rigor at (757) 852-4674.</p>	

### Writing Prompt and Instructions

The following questions are to be answered by the student in short answer format on the application:

- ☐ Why are you applying to attend a middle school specialty program?
- ☐ What are your future goals and how will acceptance into a middle school specialty program will help prepare you for this goal(s)
- ☐ What specific skills and talents you would contribute to a middle school specialty program
- ☐ Any other details unique to you and your situation that you would like to express regarding your reason for applying

**Your answers may be in general about all the programs or about the program you have ranked as your first (or only) choice.**



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### **Important Dates for Elementary and Middle School Specialty Program Application**

**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

**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

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