

November 14, 2023

Dear Families of Norfolk Public Schools Eighth-Grade Students:

The Norfolk Public Schools annual **Specialty Program Showcase Night** will be held on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Norview High School** (6501 Chesapeake Blvd. Norfolk, 23513). I am inviting you and your child(ren) to attend this showcase where we will be sharing more about the rigorous, specialized programs we offer to high school students and about the application process. As you may know, students may apply for high school specialty programs by January 31, 2024, of their eighth-grade year for entry into the programs at the beginning of their ninth-grade year.

During the showcase, we will highlight each specialty program, including the unique course offerings and opportunities each program affords our students. We will also provide students and families an overview of the application process. The evening will begin with time for families and students to explore the displays for each high school program and to talk to staff. A **formal overview presentation from each of the high school specialty program will then begin at 6:45 pm** in the auditorium.

Additionally, I have included below the dates for each specialty program's open house. The open houses offer families and students the opportunity to learn about each of our specialty programs at each program site.

Open House Dates for High School Programs:

Academy of the Arts and S.T.E.A.M. (Booker T. Washington High) January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Academy of Leadership and Military Science (Lake Taylor High) December 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (Granby High) January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The Leadership Center for the Sciences and Engineering (Norview High) December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The Medical and Health Specialties Program (Maury High) January 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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Sincerely,

Valerie R. Griffin, Ed.D. Executive Director, Secondary Schools & Programs