

INSTRUCTION

Governor's School for the Arts

The Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is a regional school program for exceptionally talented 9th - 12th grade public school students that provides premiere arts training in a conservatory style in six departments: Dance, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre & Film, Visual Arts, and Vocal Music. The mission and goals of the school include: providing a center for innovation that develops excellence, nurtures creativity, inspires artistic vision and builds communities with a passion for the arts; providing exceptional performance and exhibition experiences in state-of-the-art facilities; preparing students to meet the most rigorous admission requirements of colleges, universities, conservatories, internships and other related career opportunities; and offering instruction through classes, performances, and cross-disciplinary opportunities by a faculty of professional instructors, artists and mentors. Students must be recommended by their school divisions and audition for admission to the school.

The Governor's School for the Arts serves the school divisions of Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, Southhampton, Suffolk and Virginia Beach. Each school division participates on the governing board and provides funding and services to support the program. The School Board authorizes participation in the Governor's School for the Arts in accordance with its bylaws and will appoint a School Board liaison to the Governor's School for the Arts.

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