

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

Acceptance for enrollment in **The Governor's School of Southside Virginia** is based on the following criteria and procedures:

1. The student is enrolled in a public high school at the time of application.
2. The student will have satisfactorily completed all math prerequisites prior to the fall semester.
 - All juniors - algebra I, geometry, and algebra II
 - All seniors - algebra I, geometry, algebra II, and advanced algebra/trigonometry (equivalent of pre-calculus) or pre-calculus
3. The Curriculum and Membership Committee, composed of representatives from each of the participating school divisions, will establish the selection process.
4. The Placement Committee at the local division will identify and rank the applicants to be invited to attend the Governor's School.
5. The student who is eligible to participate in the full two - year curriculum may be given preference in ranking.
6. Admission to GSSV is by application, and all applicants are made aware of the curriculum offered. Students who enroll in the program will be enrolled in all of the courses at a given level. Students are not permitted to opt out of certain courses, since they are holding a slot, which could be filled by another student who wishes to take the entire program. Exceptions to accommodate variations in programs at the home high school are made only with the approval of the Joint Board. Such exceptions are not made to allow students a less demanding curriculum than the one described in Governor's School policies, literature, and correspondence.

Parents/Legal Guardians who are dissatisfied with the decision of the Placement Committee may initiate an appeal by a request to the principal of the home high school.

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