

# *What is Governor's School?*



## **North Carolina Governor's School**

A Summer Program for Gifted and Talented High School Students

The Governor's School of North Carolina is the oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students in the nation. The program is administered by the State Board of Education and North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) through the Office of Advanced Learning & Gifted Education.

Each summer, selected students are invited to Governor's School to help build a learning community during a four-week residential session. Students are encouraged to explore and ask questions, with the purpose of learning for its own sake and discovering new possibilities that complement their high school instruction, without the regular pressures of tests, scores and grade point averages. The Governor's School emphasizes collaborative efforts in all disciplines.

Students go through a local and state nomination process. Students are selected locally at the district-level or at the school level, if at a charter or non-public school. Each district/school has its own process to determine nominees for NCDPI at the state level.

### **AREAS OF POTENTIAL NOMINATION**

The academic disciplines include:

- English
- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Natural Science
- Social Science

The arts disciplines include:

- Art
- Choral Music
- Instrumental Music
- Dance
- Theater

# How many TCS applications go to state level each year?



## core academics

4 slots

*1 applicant this year*



## Spanish

2 slots

*no applicants this year*



## limited arts areas

8 slots

*no applicants this year*



## unlimited arts areas

*3 applicants this year*

# *Behind the scenes*

## **Identify & notify eligible students & families**

- 65 total candidates from teacher suggestions & universal screening 11 + 54
- Students & families notified; 33 students attended initial info meetings 3 + 14

## **Prepare & support**

- GoogleClass resources: video, local GovSch alumni, exemplar applications
- 4 I&E support sessions at each school + two-hour virtual drop-ins on each teacher workday

## **Continue learning**

- Local evaluators rate students' activities list and essays against a rubric
- Share evaluators' feedback with students so they can improve this & future applications



# TCS GovSch Alumni *since 2015*

**2024**

Amara Campanini - English  
Jesus Lopez de los Santos - natural science  
Mya Parlier - English

**2023**

Julia Grace Hardy - visual art  
Caitlyn Muniz - English  
Elisabeth Qualls - natural science

**2022**

Lucy Murray - natural science  
Lillian Smith - vocal music

**2021**

Emma Coye - math  
Townsend Dierauf - natural science  
Jasmine Grooms - instrumental music

**2020** *online not residential due to COVID-19*

Josh Kupras - natural science  
Caroline Jones - dance  
Simon Lane - theatre  
Colton Newman - instrumental music  
Frank Parsons - instrumental music  
Ada Weaver - English

**2019**

Madeline Dierauf - social science  
Madeline Hall - visual art

**2018**

Sara Megown - instrumental music  
Azilee Grace Owen - math  
Emily Trusler - Spanish

**2017**

Crista Cali- social science  
Matthew Bailey - French *French was discontinued in 2022*

**2016**

Samuel Farrar - social science  
Lauren DuBriel - natural science

**2015**

Carly Onnink - natural science

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