

***Governor's School
A Summer Program for Academically or Intellectually Gifted
High School Students***

The Governor's School of North Carolina is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically or intellectually gifted high school students in the nation. The program, which is open to rising seniors, only, with exceptions made for rising juniors in the performing/visual arts area, is located on two campuses; Governor's School West began in 1963 and Governor's School East began in 1978. Governor's School West is located at Salem College in Winston-Salem and Governor's School East is located at Meredith College in Raleigh. Funding annually by the General Assembly of North Carolina, the program is administered by the Public School of North Carolina, State Board of Education, and Department of Public Instruction through the Exceptional Children's Division. A Board of Governor's, appointed by the State Board of Education, acts as an advisory body.

Application to the Governor's School begins in mid-September. Students must score in the 92% in all areas required by the application. This includes grades; end of course tests, aptitude or IQ tests. Student essays and teacher recommendations accompany the extensive application the student must submit. The competition for these awards is intense. Students are chosen to represent the school and then applications are sent to the CMS regional review committee.

For further information on the Governor's School and application process, please contact Heather Schiffman at heather.schiffman@cms.k12.nc.us. Inquiries will be processed for the fall in August.