

Henrico County Public Schools

# Specialty Centers



A Choice for the Future

2020/2021

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# Should a Specialty Center Be a Part of Your Future?

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Are you a student who has a concentrated area of interest or special talent? If so, you might want to consider attending a specialty center. The centers, located in each of the high schools and at three middle schools, offer Henrico County students choices to focus their learning experiences. The centers offer advanced courses to students who have clear interests and specific educational and/or career goals.

As you plan for your future, you might also want to consider your goals after high school. In addition to the traditionally strong academic programs offered at each Henrico comprehensive high school, attending a specialty center is an opportunity to concentrate on a specialized interest while completing a rigorous college-preparatory program.

Once you have read through this booklet, you might wish to attend one of the information sessions or a specialty center open house (see the schedule in the back of the book for details). Visiting a specialty center is the best way to become familiar with the curriculum, the experiences available and the school as a whole.

The Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) computerized Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests and the Direct Writing HAT will be used again this year as a factor in evaluating applications for students applying to Specialty Centers. Test sessions will be offered in January 2020 to any Henrico resident who does not attend an HCPS middle school. Please see page 38 for specific dates and times.

# General Information

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## Curriculum

- Emphasizes rigorous academics
- Provides practical applications
- Encourages higher-level thinking
- Meets or exceeds graduation requirements
- Conveys information developed through educational partnerships with businesses, universities and community organizations

## Instruction

- Delivered by highly trained teachers
- Enriched by visiting professionals
- Developed through real-world experiences
- Enhanced by innovative strategies that promote active learning
- Enhanced through engagement in specialized interests

## Enrollment

- Requires application process
- Requires student commitment
- Open to rising ninth-graders
- Enhances program choice
- Extends beyond the normal geographic attendance zones

## Transportation

Transportation is arranged from the student's neighborhood bus stop to a transfer hub. Students are then shuttled to their attending schools. In the afternoon, high school students are shuttled to a transfer hub then transported back to the student's neighborhood bus stop. In the afternoon, middle school students are transported from their attending school back to the student's neighborhood bus stop. Transportation registration information will be sent to students who have been accepted into a Specialty Center.

## Contents

The following pages contain information about each specialty center. Centers are listed in alphabetical order. If you have further questions, contact the specific center or the Department of Secondary Education at 804-652-3919.

# Advanced Career Education Center at Hermitage and Highland Springs



# Advanced Career Education Centers at Hermitage and Highland Springs

Are you interested in options when it comes to your education? The ACE Centers offer 30 program options to help you explore and plan for your future! In the ACE specialty centers you can gain professional skills in an area of your interest that will help you transition into a career and/or into college with a 2-year concentration in your area of study. Begin planning your career pathway today.

## Program Highlights

- 12 dual enrollment courses which offer between 6 to 28 college credits
- 65 nationally recognized industry certifications available
- 4 Virginia State Licensures available
- Develop Workplace Readiness Skills that prepare you for college and/or careers
- Leadership opportunities through co-curricular student organizations
- Job Shadowing and Internships

## Program Options:

- Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Plumbing
- Auto Body Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Barbering
- Carpentry
- Computer-Aided Drafting and 3D Animation
- Computer Systems Technology
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technologies
- Early Childhood Education and Services
- Electricity and Cabling
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Graphic Communications
- Greenhouse Management
- High Tech Academy
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Catering
- Landscaping
- Legal Systems Administration
- Masonry
- Medical Systems Administration
- Nurse Aide
- Pharmacy Technician
- Practical Nursing
- Precision Machining
- Radio Broadcasting and Journalism
- Sports Medicine
- Veterinary Assistant
- Web Development and Programming

The ACE Centers are part of Henrico Career & Technical Education.

## Additional information is available at:

[henricoacecenters.com](http://henricoacecenters.com)

ACE Center at Hermitage  
756-3020

Terrie W. Allsbrooks, Principal  
Debra J. Bishop, Associate Principal  
Kevin Hurley, Director of School Counseling

[http://schools.henrico.k12.va.us/  
acecenterathermitage/](http://schools.henrico.k12.va.us/acecenterathermitage/)

[henricocte.com](http://henricocte.com)

ACE Center at Highland Springs  
328-4075

William J. Crowder, Principal  
Jeri C. Baskerville, Associate Principal  
Paula M. Harris, Director of School Counseling

[http://schools.henrico.k12.va.us/  
acecenterathighlandsprings/](http://schools.henrico.k12.va.us/acecenterathighlandsprings/)



# Advance College Academy: Business Administration



# Advance College Academy: Business Administration

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Are you already taking high school classes in middle school? Does the idea of taking college classes in high school sound like an exciting challenge? Through a partnership with Reynolds Community College, students in the Advance College Academy earn both an advanced high school diploma and an Associate of Science Business Administration in four years. The program is offered at minimal cost to students and the college credits are transferable to four year colleges and universities.

**Prerequisites:** Algebra I

## Program Highlights

- Engage in a rigorous and challenging 21st century education in a unique program taught by adjunct professors who are also HCPS teachers
- Take high school honors and AP classes freshman and sophomore years; take college classes junior and senior years
- Participate in activities with a Reynolds Career Coach throughout the school year designed to prepare students for college classes and college life
- Earn 61 college credits eligible for transfer to a four-year college or university - a \$50 fee is incurred for each of the 21 courses comprising the 61 credits.
- Participate in clubs, sports and other extra-curricular activities offered at Highland Springs High School
- Take the first college classes on campus at Reynolds, as a rising junior, in a three-week summer session
- You may take an HCPS elective all four years



## Additional information is available at:

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/hshsaca/>

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# Advance College Academy: Social Sciences



# Advance College Academy: Social Sciences

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Are you already taking high school classes in middle school? Does the idea of taking college classes in high school sound like an exciting challenge? Through a partnership with Reynolds Community College, students in the Advance College Academy for Social Sciences earn an advanced high school diploma and an Associate of Science degree in Social Sciences during their four years in high school. The program is offered at minimal cost to students and the college credits are transferrable to four year colleges and universities.

**Prerequisites:** Algebra I

## Program Highlights

- Engage in a rigorous and challenging 21st century education in a uniquely accelerated program taught by adjunct professors who are also HCPS teachers
- Take high school honors classes freshman year; honors and AP classes sophomore year; AP and college classes junior and senior years
- Take the first college classes on campus at Reynolds, as a rising junior, in a three-week summer session
- Maintain an HCPS elective all four years
- Participate in activities with a Reynolds Career Coach throughout the school year designed to prepare students for college classes and college life
- Earn 60 college credits emulating the coursework found in the first two years of college - a \$50 fee is incurred for each of the 19 courses comprising the 60 credits
- Participate in clubs, sports and other extracurricular activities offered at J. R. Tucker High School



## Additional information is available at:

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/jrtaca>

Art Raymond, Principal, JR Tucker High School  
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Carlotta Blackman, ACA School Counselor, 527-4606

# Center for the Arts



# Center for the Arts

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You need interest, talent, passion and ambition to become a success in Dance, Musical Theatre, Theatre or Visual Arts at the Center for the Arts. Daily intensive study and practice in the curriculum area of your choice will assure that you are well-prepared for higher education or a career in the performing or visual arts.

- Four-year course of study in Dance, Musical Theatre, Theatre, or Visual Arts with the opportunity to enroll in more than one curriculum area as an upperclassman.
- Classes are taught by a faculty of professional arts educators actively involved in the local arts community, supplemented by guest or visiting artists.
- Students have the opportunity to take Arts-Infused core academic classes.
- Emphasis is placed on exhibiting or displaying student work in visual arts galleries and stage performances.
- Senior performance showcases and art gallery exhibits are student-driven efforts that serve as a capstone project at the end of senior year.
- Opportunities to participate in internships, festivals, competitions, workshops and masterclasses.
- Students acquire artistic skills necessary for successful art careers and higher education.

## Program Highlights

- Four levels of **Dance** -- emphasis on ballet, modern, jazz, tap, ethnic and folk styles, as well as dance history, aesthetics, nutrition, kinesiology, choreography and performance
- Four levels of **Musical Theatre** -- techniques in vocal production, dance, acting, solo and ensemble performance, audition preparation, music theory, keyboard skills and composition
- Four levels of **Theatre** -- techniques in acting, creative expression, technical theatre, aesthetics, audition preparation, script and playwriting, stage makeup and set design, production and performance
- Four levels of **Visual Arts** -- emphasis on art and design principles, history, aesthetics, proficiency in a variety of artistic media and techniques, and gallery exhibition

**Auditions for Center for the Arts: February 1, 2020 (snow date February 8, 2020)**

**Additional information is available at:**

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/cfa/>

Karin Castillo-Rose, Principal, Henrico High School  
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Erica M. Daniels, Director of School Counseling, 228-2710



# Center for Communications and Media Relations



# Center for Communications and Media Relations

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At the Center for Communications and Media Relations you will learn to speak with confidence, write with precision and design with flair so that any message you want to send will be effective when it is heard, read or viewed. Home to two full television studios and control rooms, two computer labs used for video editing and graphic design and a presentation studio, this center will prepare you for dozens of careers including television, reporting, graphic design, business, marketing, teaching, politics and law.

## Program Highlights

- Creating meaningful television, multimedia, photography, graphic design, journalism, advertising and public relations products
- Producing student news shows, commercials, newspapers, speeches, multimedia presentations and a senior portfolio
- Using advanced technology to research and write television scripts and newspaper stories, design graphics and posters and shoot and edit news packages and commercials
- Refining writing and speaking skills necessary for effective communication
- Exploring career possibilities through field trips, shadowing opportunities and field experiences in partnership with the business community
- Pursuing a rigorous honors program in a specialized learning environment

## Additional information is available at:

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/cfc>

Ann Marie Seely, Principal, Varina High School

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# Center for Education and Human Development



# Center for Education and Human Development

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Do you enjoy working with friends to problem-solve? Do you enjoy classes where lessons are connected to the world around you? Are you intrigued by human development and psychology? If yes, you share the ideologies of a new generation of educational leaders. The Center for Education and Human Development offers a comprehensive curriculum that explores the complexities of the learning process and utilizes the latest technology to develop educators and other leaders for the 21st century. The curriculum will focus on areas such as research based instructional practices, 21st century skills necessary for success in the global society, diversity, research, data analysis and professional development. The Center for Education and Human Development explores human development and psychology as it relates to education and models best practices for teaching and other leadership roles.

## Program Highlights

- Rigorous curriculum that includes advanced placement courses and real world application
- Faculty dedicated to developing individuals with skills in problem solving, effective communication and leadership
- State-of-the-art classrooms with the cutting-edge technology
- Opportunity to gain perspective and experience related to success in the global society
- Senior internship opportunities

## Additional information is available at:

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/gahscenter>

Reginald Davenport, Principal, Glen Allen High School

Ryan M. Conway, Center Director, 501-3329

Jaime Goldberg, Director of School Counseling, 501-3310





# Center for Engineering



# Center for Engineering

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Do you want to apply your math and science skills in a technology-based classroom? Do you have an interest in designing, building and testing models? Do industries such as aerospace, defense, communications, transportation, manufacturing and biomedical research interest you? Then this center is the place for you. It provides a basis for understanding how an engineer functions in today's technological world. An advanced high school diploma and college credits in engineering await you at the Center for Engineering.

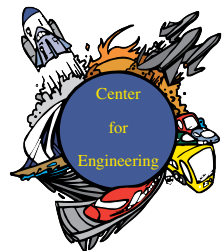
## Program Highlights

- Provides foundations of math, science and technology in preparation for a college engineering curriculum applicable to many technical careers
- Strong academic preparation emphasizing application of mathematics, scientific principles, technology and engineering concepts to problem-solve through the "Design Process"
- Development of field studies, mentoring and apprenticeships with businesses, colleges and universities
- Use of computer-aided drafting (CAD) systems in engineering, architecture and design
- Opportunities to research and present technical information by using modern technologies, including telecommunications, networking and computer software
- Dual credit courses with the engineering department at Reynolds Community College
- Engineering competitions including FIRST Robotics and Technology Student Association

## Additional information is available at:

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/hshscfe/>

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# Center for the Humanities



# Center for the Humanities

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Do you like to strike out and explore new territory? Do you enjoy reading deeply? Do you wish to perfect your questioning, reasoning and writing skills? If so, then the Center for the Humanities is for you. As you undertake independent and collaborative study, you will stretch your imagination and gain the ability to express and defend your opinions clearly and effectively while learning to be open to the viewpoints of others.

## Program Highlights

- Explore and experience the achievements of humankind – the Humanities
- Comprehensive and rigorous academic program specializing in literature, history, philosophy and the arts
- Exploration of themes that show the human ties within and among cultures
- Interdisciplinary instruction of core academics relating the humanities to current events and issues
- Inquiry approach with exchange among students, teachers and guest speakers emphasizing reading and analysis of primary sources, writing and speaking
- Emphasis on liberal arts background in a technological society
- Awareness of and appreciation for one's cultural heritage and creative achievements

## Additional information is available at:

<http://hermitagehumanities.weebly.com/>

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# Center for Information Technology



# Center for Information Technology

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Are you curious about a future in Information Technology (IT) and Computer Science (CS)? Would you like to experience real-world software development? Do you enjoy getting your hands on the latest technologies available? If you answered an enthusiastic “yes” to these questions, the Center for Information Technology is for you!

**Prerequisites:** Algebra I

## Program Highlights

- A solid foundation in Information Technology and Computer Science, including introductions to programming, application development, networking, systems architecture, data science, web programming and project management
- Ethical considerations of issues relating to IT & CS
- Application of the principles of systems design and development through partnerships with the business community
- Technology experts from the field as instructors
- Projects for local area organizations that impact our community
- Opportunities to earn certifications in web development and programming
- Two AP Computer Science courses
- Internships in the Richmond area
- Senior Capstone project in one of four areas: Network Security, IT Project Management, Data Science, or Game Design & Development

## Additional information is available at:

<http://teachers.henrico.k12.va.us/deeprun/cit/>

Dr. Brian Fellows, Principal, Deep Run High School  
Lynne M. Norris, Center Director, 364-8027  
Jamie Jackson, Director of School Counseling, 364-8020



# International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (MYP)



# Middle Years Program at Fairfield, Moody and Tuckahoe Middle Schools

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Are you a student who loves to learn and wants to surround yourself with stimulating learning experiences that promote independence? Are you interested in connecting what you learn through an international framework to action in your community and to global issues? Join the International Baccalaureate Program at Fairfield, Moody or Tuckahoe Middle Schools.

## Program Highlights

- Emphasizes active learning, interdisciplinary investigations, real-world connections, and community action
- Features a rigorous learning continuum for students in grades six through 10 that includes vertical teaming of teachers from one grade level to the next
- Challenges students to meet both international and state academic standards
- Focuses on enhancing the opportunity for success for those students who enroll in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma Programs at the high school level

Application procedures for IBMYP at Fairfield, Moody and Tuckahoe Middle Schools can be obtained from your HCPS school counselor. Private and home school applicants must contact the IB Programs Office at 261-6440 to request an application.

## Additional information is available at:

[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

**April W. Craver, IB Programs Educational Specialist, 261-6440**

### **Jamel Gibson, Principal, Fairfield MS**

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Tiffany Morgan, Director of School Counseling, Fairfield MS, 328-4026

### **Denise Doss, Principal, Moody MS**

TBD, IB Coordinator, Moody MS, 261-5015

Mishawn Wilson, Director of School Counseling, Moody MS, 261-5019

### **Ann M. Greene, Principal, Tuckahoe MS**

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Brewster Brown, Director of School Counseling, Tuckahoe MS, 673-3723





# International Baccalaureate MYP and Diploma Program



# Middle Years Program and Diploma Program at Henrico and J.R. Tucker High Schools

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Are you interested in a specialty center program that offers challenges in every academic discipline, from mathematics and social sciences to the arts and physical education? Join the IB program at the high school level. In grades 9 and 10, you will be a part of the Middle Years Program, engaging in community action from classroom content, the Personal Project, and rigorous interdisciplinary learning. In grades 11 and 12, you will enter the Diploma Program, a college level course of study involving the highest level of achievement through external examinations. Students can select areas of special interest through Creativity, Activity and Service as well as the Extended Essay. Upon graduation, successful students receive the Advanced Studies Diploma and may achieve the IB Diploma. Students may also earn college credit and/or advanced standing or placement in many prestigious colleges and universities.

**Prerequisites:** Algebra I and Spanish/French I. It is recommended to have taken honors/advanced courses in 7th and 8th grade such as Earth Science and WH&G I.

## Program Highlights

- The first authorized Middle Years Program in the U.S., offering the student-centered Personal Project that may earn students the IB MYP Record of Achievement in grade 10
- The opportunity to achieve the internationally recognized IB Diploma in grade 12
- Hands-on learning in a close-knit international learning community
- Creativity, Activity, Service projects and personal projects that extend learning beyond the classroom walls
- Extended Essay that strengthens research and writing skills while promoting academic independence

## Additional information is available at:

<http://schools.henrico.k12.va.us/ib>

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/henricoib/>, [blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/emharper](http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/emharper)

[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

**April W. Craver, IB Programs Educational Specialist, 261-6440**

### **Karin Castillo-Rose, Principal, Henrico HS**

Priscilla L. Biddle, IB Coordinator, Henrico HS, 228-2745

Ellen Terry, IB School Counselor, Henrico HS, 228-2710

Holly Sin, IB School Counselor, Henrico HS, 228-2710

### **Art Raymond, Principal, J.R. Tucker HS**

Ellie M. Harper, IB Coordinator, J.R. Tucker HS, 967-2320

Sarah Hunt, IB School Counselor, J.R. Tucker HS, 527-4606

Carlotta Blackman, Director of School Counseling, J.R. Tucker HS, 527-4606



# Center for Leadership, Government and Global Economics



# Center for Leadership, Government and Global Economics

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Are you looking to make a difference in the world tomorrow? The Center for Leadership, Government and Global Economics at Freeman High emphasizes service to the community through principle-centered leadership. It is home to an intense course of study in economic systems, public and private organizational structures and leadership skills.

## Program Highlights

- Comprehensive curriculum preparing students to be knowledgeable, responsible and ethical leaders
- An advanced studies program in government, history and the social sciences
- Observation and interaction with leaders through partnerships and special programs
- Application of leadership skills and principles through curricular and extracurricular activities, community service and enrichment programs
- Identification and development of personal leadership qualities through presentations, research and mentorship programs

## Additional information is available at:

[blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/freemanleadershipcenter](https://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/freemanleadershipcenter)

John Marshall, Principal, Freeman High School  
Robert F. Peck, Center Director, 673-3700  
Renee Ferrell, Director of School Counseling, 673-3709



# Todd Allen Phillips Center for Medical Sciences



## Todd Allen Phillips Center for Medical Sciences

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Do you like to take on thought-provoking problems whose solutions require integrating knowledge across multiple academic disciplines? Are you excited by new theories and discoveries, as it applies to the health sciences and health care? The Todd Allen Phillips Center for Medical Sciences provides a rigorous course of studies with an emphasis on topics relevant to the Life and Health Sciences. The Center emphasizes a diagnostic, cross-curricular approach to problem-solving using hypotheses, research, experimentation, and mathematical techniques. Come prepared to develop the world of tomorrow!

Named for a beloved teacher and colleague, Todd Phillips was instrumental in developing the transition between the Specialty Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology to the new Center for Medical Sciences. He was not just the AP stats teacher, but a mentor and confidant to all of his students. He was a visionary in his approach to developing the new focus for the specialty center and he will always be remembered.

**Prerequisites:** Algebra I. It is recommended to have taken honors/advanced courses in 7th and 8th grade such as Earth Science and WH&G I.

### Program Highlights

- An intensive, immersed curriculum of accelerated studies in science and mathematics
- Exposure to applications of current scientific, math and technological techniques in the various health science careers
- Unique elective course offerings providing exposure to college level topics found as part of a curriculum for study in the health sciences
- Experience with scientific inquiry and data analysis through hands-on research and experimentation
- Identification of societal and ethical considerations associated with scientific and technological advancement in the health sciences

### Additional information is available at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/henrico.k12.va.us/cms/>

Leigh Dunavant, Principal, Godwin High School  
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Nicole Hansinger, Director of School Counseling, 750-2606



# Center for Spanish Language and Global Citizenship



# Center for Spanish Language and Global Citizenship

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Are you fascinated by world languages, diverse cultures, and international travel? Do you want to become bilingual, study abroad and form lifelong friendships with other students who share your passion for languages? Enrolling in the Center for Spanish Language and Global Citizenship will allow you to develop a high level of proficiency in Spanish and will expose you to at least one year of an additional language. Being multilingual gives you an advantage in every field in our increasingly interconnected and multicultural world.

## Program Highlights

- Specialized curriculum for students who are highly motivated in learning a second language
- Enrollment in accelerated and AP language and literature courses taught in Spanish
- Opportunities to earn credit by traveling, studying abroad and staying with host families as part of a center-sponsored program
- A summer enrichment “jump start” program for rising ninth-graders, business partnerships, guest speakers and teaching in elementary schools through the unique Field Experience class
- Flexible curriculum which allows for completion of Center requirements while pursuing individual interests through other course work and electives

**Center for Spanish Language and Global Citizenship entrance exam: February 1, 2020  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Spanish language building, Tucker High School**

**RAIN/SNOW DATE: February 8, 2020, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

## Additional information is available at:

<https://sites.google.com/henrico.k12.va.us/centerforspanishlanguage/home>

Art Raymond, Principal, J.R. Tucker High School  
Susan Hester, Center Director, 527-4618  
Carlotta Blackman, School Counselor, 527-4606





# Information Sessions and Open House Schedule

## **Information Sessions:** All sessions begin at 7 p.m.

Godwin High School — Sept. 25, 2019

Highland Springs High School — Oct. 2, 2019

Glen Allen High School — Oct. 10, 2019

Varina High School — Oct. 15, 2019

## **IB Middle Years Information Sessions:**

There are two one-hour sessions each evening:

Fairfield Middle School — Oct. 3, 2019, 5 and 6 p.m.; Gymnasium

Moody Middle School — Oct. 17, 2019, 4:30 and 6 p.m.; Auditorium

Tuckahoe Middle School — Oct. 28, 2019, 5 and 6 p.m.; Gymnasium

## **Additional Dates for the Application Process for IB Middle Years Program at Fairfield, G. H. Moody and Tuckahoe Middle Schools\***

Applications available from school counselor or the IB Programs Office:.....September 18, 2019  
(Private school applicants must contact the IB Programs Office at Moody MS for an application).

Application deadline: ..... November 15, 2019

Letters of acceptance status mailed: .....January 29, 2020

Appeals requests deadline: .....February 14, 2020

Students' notification of intent deadline: ..... February 14, 2020

\*a detailed timeline for the application process is included in the application packet

**Open House Schedule:** Open Houses begin at 7 p.m.

International Baccalaureate  
Middle Years and Diploma Programs ... Oct. 24, 2019 — Henrico HS Auditorium

Center for Engineering ..... Oct. 29, 2019 — Highland Springs HS  
Auditorium

International Baccalaureate  
Middle Years and Diploma Programs ... Nov. 7, 2019 — Tucker HS Auditorium

ACE Center at Hermitage and  
ACE Center at Highland Springs ..... Oct. 21, 2019 — Junior Achievement Building  
at Libbie Mill Library

Center for Education and  
Human Development ..... Nov. 6, 2019 — Glen Allen HS Auditorium

Center for Spanish Language  
and Global Citizenship ..... Nov. 19, 2019 — Tucker HS Auditorium

Center for Communications  
and Media Relations..... Nov. 12, 2019 — Varina HS Center for  
Communications and  
Media Relations

Advance College Academy,  
Business Administration ..... Nov. 13, 2019 — Highland Springs HS  
Auditorium

Center for Humanities ..... Nov. 14, 2019 — Hermitage HS Auditorium

Center for the Arts ..... Nov. 18, 2019 — Henrico HS Auditorium

Center for Leadership, Government  
and Global Economics ..... Dec. 2, 2019 — Freeman HS Auditorium

Center for Information Technology ..... Dec. 4, 2019 — Deep Run HS Auditorium

Advance College Academy  
Social Sciences ..... Dec. 3, 2019 — Tucker HS Auditorium

The Todd A. Phillips Center..... Nov. 25, 2019 — Godwin High School  
Auditorium

# Application Procedures for HCPS Students

Have you studied all your options? Discussed your plans with your family, counselor and others close to you? Have you decided to apply? What's your next move?

1. Access the online application at **henricoschools.us/specialty-centers**. The application will go live on **November 18, 2019**.
2. Complete your application form. Take enough time to present yourself in an honest, thoughtful and thorough manner.
3. Application forms for **all high school centers** must be submitted by **January 17, 2020**.
4. All eighth-graders in Henrico County middle schools applying for a specialty center will take the Direct Writing HAT and NWEA test in language arts and math in the fall. These assessments will be used as criteria for specialty center admissions. The Direct Writing HAT is a preassessment that is administered to all eighth-grade students in preparation for the state's SOL writing test. Students will complete a persuasive writing prompt. The NWEA MAP tests are nationally normed math and reading assessments. It is important that all eighth-grade students do their best on these assessments. The HAT and NWEA test sessions will be offered in January to any Henrico resident who does not attend an HCPS middle school. Specific locations and information will be available on the application.
5. You will receive your application status after **March 6, 2020**.
6. You must notify the center chair of your intent to attend by **March 20, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.**

For more information about specialty center offerings, refer to the publication Planning Guide. Additional questions or comments may be directed to the Henrico County Public Schools Secondary Education Department at 804- 652-3919.

# Application Procedures for Henrico Residents Who Do Not Attend Henrico Public Schools

Have you studied all your options? Discussed your plans with your family, counselor and others close to you? Have you decided to apply? What's your next move?

1. Access the printable application at [henricoschools.us/specialty-centers](https://henricoschools.us/specialty-centers). The application will go live on **November 18, 2019**.
2. Complete your application form. Take enough time to present yourself in an honest, thoughtful and thorough manner.
3. Application forms for **all high school centers** must be submitted by **January 17, 2020**.
4. All eighth-graders in Henrico County applying for a specialty center will take the Direct Writing HAT and NWEA test in language arts and math in the fall. These assessments will be used as criteria for specialty center admissions. The Direct Writing HAT is a preassessment that is administered to all eighth-grade students in preparation for the state's SOL writing test. Students will complete a persuasive writing prompt. The NWEA MAP tests are nationally normed math and reading assessments. It is important that all eighth-grade students do their best on these assessments. The HAT and NWEA test sessions will be offered in January to any Henrico resident who does not attend an HCPS middle school. Specific locations and information is available on page 38.
5. You will receive your application status after **March 6, 2020**.
6. You must notify the center chair of your intent to attend by **March 20, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.**

**Reminder: Henrico County Public Schools' policy states that a child must reside in Henrico County with a parent or legal guardian to attend a Henrico County Public School. Burden of proof for documenting residency rests with the parent/legal guardian. As part of the application process residency documentation must be submitted with all specialty center applications. A list of approved documentation will be on the application.**

For more information about specialty center offerings, refer to the publication Planning Guide. Additional questions or comments may be directed to the Henrico County Public Schools Secondary Education Department at 804- 652-3919.

# Private School Testing Information

1. **November 18, 2019** – Private School testing registration will open
2. **January 13, 2020** – Private School Testing Registration Deadline
3. **NWEA Reading & Math Tests**
  - a. December 3, 2019 at Eastern Government Building (9 a.m.)
  - b. December 4, 2019 at Eastern Government Building (9 a.m.)
  - c. January 14, 2020 at Eastern Government Building (2 p.m.)
4. **HATS Test**
  - a. January 22, 2020 at Eastern Government Building (9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; or 1:30-3 p.m.)
  - b. January 23, 2020 at Eastern Government Building (9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. or 1:30-3 p.m.)

*Parents must register their student for testing in advance* at the following web address: **<http://tinyurl.com/henicoprivateschooltesting>**

If you have questions regarding testing for the private school students, please email Eliza Cook at **[hcpspecialtycenter@gmail.com](mailto:hcpspecialtycenter@gmail.com)**



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