

Appomattox Regional Governor’s School for the Arts and Technology

Frequently Asked Questions - October 2020

Where are the details explained?

Information can be found in the Admissions and Application packet. This may be accessed online via the Appomattox Regional Governor’s School (ARGS) website. Click the *About ARGS & Admission* box, and choose the *Admissions Information* option. An application packet and other information are available for viewing.

Why are some dates different for Chesterfield County applicants than what ARGS has posted?

Chesterfield County Public Schools is moving to an online application portal for students this year. Paper applications will not be used. As a result, some dates needed to be shifted. These dates may be different than those posted by ARGS and by surrounding counties. These changes are within CCPS and will have no effect on student eligibility.

When will we receive information on how to use the online application portal?

Students are encouraged to use October and November to research their high school options. In November, communication regarding how to use the online application portal will be emailed to families and will be posted on the CCPS website.

How many slots are open this year?

Chesterfield County has a total of 129 allocated slots in grades 9-12 at ARGS. The number of returning upperclassmen (rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors) subtracted from the total number of CCPS slots determines the number of students who will be offered admission. We will have approximately 34 open slots to fill this year.

How are applications evaluated?

The Regional Evaluation Committee, consisting of teams of educators representing the participating school divisions, is trained to evaluate each portion of the student’s application. The Regional Core Team of gifted education program administrators representing the participating school divisions and the Coordinator of Admissions oversee the process.

What criteria are used in determining student selection?

The following criteria are set by the Appomattox Regional Governor’s School Core Team and Regional Board.

Maximum Points	Category
10	Recommendations (2)
10	Essay
15	Grades From first semester of seventh grade and first semester of eighth grade
5	Course Rigor Determined by number of honors and high school credit courses taken in middle school
50	Audition/Portfolio Review
10	Interview
100	Composite Score (Total Points)

How are students selected for ARGS?

The number of available slots for incoming freshmen from CCPS determines the number of students selected to attend Appomattox Regional Governor’s School. Applicants are ranked by composite score in each focus area. Students are chosen for admission based upon focus area openings at ARGS and composite score.

What are the school’s hours?

Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

Where may I obtain information on bus transportation?

Transportation is provided from a variety of pick-up points throughout the county. Information may be found on the CCPS website at www.mychesterfieldschools.com/transportation. Transportation contact numbers are by Area Office and are located on this page as well.

Whom should I contact with further questions regarding the admissions or selection process for Appomattox Regional Governor’s School?

Please contact the CCPS Office of Gifted Education at (804) 639-8620.