



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Governor's School for Government and International Studies is accredited in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is a joint school operated by a regional board under the auspices of §22,1-26, Virginia School Law. It meets all the Standards of Accreditation required of public schools as outlined by the Virginia Board of Education.

Academic Year Governor's Schools are reserved for high school students. The thirteen that currently operate offer services to students in a variety of formats. Most serve juniors and seniors, while a few offer courses to freshmen and sophomores. No Academic Year Governor's School serves elementary students. Students who attend these schools must have been identified by the localities as gifted, before they are eligible to apply to a Governor's School for admission.

The vast majority of the course work offered at any Governor's School is at least college preparatory. In many situations, students are actually taking college level courses. Each Governor's School is required to demonstrate its ability to offer a course of study that exceeds the programs offered in the participating high schools.

If you have other questions, please feel free to contact me at 804/225-2884, or via email at bmcgonag@pen.k12.va.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara McGonagill".

Barbara McGonagill, Ed.D.
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