

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies

APPLICATION SCHEDULE 2026

Summary of Dates for Interested Students and Parents

October 1, 2025	Online Applications open
October 25	Information Forum for prospective students and parents at MLWGS. 8 AM – Hanover and Richmond families 10 AM – Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Henrico, Hopewell, King & Queen, Petersburg, Prince George families 1 PM – Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, New Kent, and Powhatan families
December 1	Application deadline for submitting online application. No additional application information accepted after this date.
January 16, 2026	Digital communication to applicants with evaluation day instructions including date, time, and room assignments
January 24	Student evaluation at MLWGS (8:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.) - all applicants will be evaluated in an assigned room during a 3½ hour time slot
January 29	Transcripts (including second semester seventh grade and first semester eighth grade) due from schools to school division gifted program administrator
January 31	Snow day for student evaluation, MLWGS (8:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.) (if needed)
February 3	Make-up student evaluation session, MLWGS, 8:30 a.m. (by approval from local public school gifted administrator only)
February 27	Deadline for families to notify gifted coordinators of any change in locality/residency
February 27	Acceptance status digitally communicated (3/4/26 for CCPS, 3/6/26 RPS)
March 6	MLWGS visitation for accepted students – Henrico
March 10	MLWGS visitation for accepted students - Charles City, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Hopewell, King and Queen, New Kent, Petersburg, Powhatan, Prince George
March 11	MLWGS visitation for accepted students – Chesterfield
March 13	MLWGS visitation for accepted students - Richmond
March 16	Deadline for appeal - Written appeal (email accepted) to be received no later than March 16 by local public school division gifted program administrator. Note: Henrico deadline for appeal is March 10th.
March 16	Response due from accepted students no later than March 16 through SchoolMint platform (RPS student response deadline is March 20)
March 18	MLWGS visitation day for any alternate students who have been offered an open admission slot
March 21	Required Math Skills Assessment Day, MLWGS, for all incoming students 8:30 – 10 a.m. French, Latin, or Spanish students will take an additional placement test 10 a.m. - Noon
April 8	New student registration, MLWGS, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
July 8	New resident assessment session, MLWGS, 9:00 a.m.