

# PHILOSOPHY FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE GIFTED

Southampton County School Division believes that the curriculum and goals for the gifted and talented students should provide opportunities that allow for individualization and enrichment. Academic requirements within a differentiated program are based on the learning style of the student. The Gifted and Talented Program is offered to students in order to realize their maximum potential and foster lifelong learning. In addition to the academic classes, the system also provides an educational program for artistically gifted students in visual arts for grades four to twelve.



## For further information contact:

Guidance Counselor  
at your child's school

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Gifted Education Program in Southampton County is comprised of:

- ❖ **The Genesis Program**  
Serves the identified gifted children in grades K-2 during a once a week pull-out program at each school
- ❖ **The Discover Program**  
Serves identified gifted children in grades 3-5 who meet one day per week at Riverdale Elementary School
- ❖ **The Challenge Program**  
Serves identified gifted children in grades 6-7 in a year-long class at Southampton Middle School
- ❖ **High School**  
Advanced placement and dual enrollment classes

## REFERRAL PROCESS

The referral process for the academic program occurs in the Fall and Spring of each school year. Referrals and/or nominations may be made by completing the program referral form which may be obtained from the guidance counselor or a member of the gifted education staff. Students may be nominated by their parents, peers, community members, teachers, and administrators.

Results of standardized tests (OLSAT for grades 2 and 6) along with Kindergarten and General Checklists are reviewed for possible referrals. After the screening process, names are placed in a pool for further identification by the gifted committee.

# VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM

- ❖ **Exploratory Art Program**  
Grades 4-5
- ❖ **Gifted Visual Arts**  
Grades 6-12
- ❖ **Rawls Museum Arts Educational Outreach Program**  
Rawls Museum Arts  
Courtland, Virginia

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The referral process for the visual arts program occurs in March of each year. Students submit portfolios which are judged by art professionals. Referrals and/or nominations may be made by completing the referral form which may be obtained from the guidance counselor or a member of the gifted education staff. Students may be nominated by their parents, peers, community members, teachers, and administrators.

An exploratory art program is offered to students in grades 4-5. This is an enrichment class for students showing art potential. Students are recommended for this program by the elementary art teacher.

<http://www.southampton.k12.va.us>

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **Tidewater Governor's School for Science and Technology**  
(Summer, Grades 3-6)  
Windsor Middle/High School  
Windsor, Virginia
- ❖ **Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology**  
(Grades 9-12)  
Petersburg, Virginia
- ❖ **Governor's School for the Arts**  
(Grades 9-12)  
Old Dominion University  
Norfolk, Virginia
- ❖ **Summer Residential Governor's School Programs**  
(Rising juniors and seniors)  
Residential programs at Virginia Universities in the areas of:  
Humanities, Sciences, Technology,  
Agriculture, Engineering & Visual  
and Performing Arts
- ❖ **Summer Governor's Foreign Language Academies**  
(Rising juniors and seniors)  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, Virginia



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## Gifted and Talented Program