

October 29, 2007

Dear Selected Sophomore or Junior:

Guidance is seeking out sophomores and juniors who are interested in attending the Governor's Summer School. This is a month long program where students stay at a college and attend the Governor's school for certain programs. The Visual and Performing Arts School is looking for students who excel in dance, visual arts, theatre, vocal, or instrumental. The Academic Governor's School is looking for students who typically rank in the top 10% of their class and who are interested in pursuing academic studies this summer.

Indian River High School can only nominate 10 students for the Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Program and 5 students for the Academic Program, and these students will compete against students from across the state of Virginia to attend the Governor's School. This is a month long commitment in the summertime, and the application process involves essays and teacher recommendations. The rewards for you, if selected to attend, are incredible. You will meet dozens of gifted students and college professors over the summer, and you will learn much from each other.

Students who are interested in applying for either of these programs should write a short paragraph letter to express their desire to apply to the program explaining their specific interests and background. Students interested in the VPA program need to turn in their letters to Mr. Cohen in Guidance no later than **November 13**. These students need to be specific about which VPA program (dance, visual arts, theatre, vocal, or instrumental) they are interested in and can only choose one. Students interested in the Academic Program (Engineering, Marine Science, Life Sciences and Medicine, Math/Science/Technology, and Agriculture/Veterinary Sciences/Human Health) can turn in their letters by **November 30**. For more information regarding these programs, you can go to <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/Govschools/SRGS/> , <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/Govschools/> , or you may see Mr. Cohen in Guidance.

Sincerely,

Scott Cohen
Guidance Director