



Regional Board Meeting
March 29, 2023

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Minutes: February 1, 2023
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentation from Dance and Visual Arts Departments
- VI. Closed Session
- VII. Reports
 - a. Financial Report.....Dr. Cihak
 - i. Revenue
 - ii. Expenditures
 - b. School Report.....Dr. Cihak
 - i. Third Quarter Review and Celebrations
 - i. End of Year Preview
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- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Revised Proposal to Increase Allotments
 - b. FY23 Budget Adjustment Proposal
 - c. 2023-2024 Academic Calendar
 - d. FY24 Budget Public Hearing
 - e. Approval of Foundation Board Member(s).....Foundation Representative
- X. Presentation from Dance and Visual Arts Departments
- XI. Items by Board Members
- XII. Adjournment



REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

The Regional Board of The Governor's School for the Arts met at SECEP offices and virtually on February 1, 2023. Attending the meeting were:

Regional Board Members In Person

Ms. Amanda Dean	Chesapeake
Mr. Robert Holt	Franklin
Mr. Michael Cunningham	Isle of Wight
Mr. Carlos Clanton, Chair	Norfolk
Mr. Tyron Riddick	Suffolk
Ms. Kim Melnyck	Virginia Beach

Superintendents In Person

Dr. Jared Cotton	Chesapeake
Dr. Carlton Carter	Franklin
Ms. Patricia Manger, Director of Special Education & Special Programs	Isle of Wight
Dr. Michael Cataldo, Chief Information & Instructional Technology Officer	Norfolk
Ms. Camilla Ferebee, Data Analysis & Support Coordinator	Portsmouth
Ms. Pamela Battle-Hardy, Coordinator of Special Education	Portsmouth
Ms. Tanya Taylor, Director of Special Education & Student Services	Southampton
Dr. Aaron Spence	Virginia Beach
Dr. Nicole DeVries, Director of K-12 and Gifted Education	Virginia Beach

Superintendents Virtual

Dr. John B. Gordon, III	Suffolk
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GSA Staff In Person

Dr. Shelly Cihak	Executive Director
Ms. Deborah Thorpe	Assistant Director
Ms. Kristen Outlaw Hartman	Office Manager

GSA Instructors and Students In Person

Ms. Amanda Gates
Dr. Stephen Coxe

Instrumental Music Department Chair
Instrumental Music Department
Assistant Chair
Musical Theatre Assistant Chair
Musical Theatre Musical Director
Instrumental Music
Musical Theatre

Jeff Warner
Alan Decipulo
Davis Mann (Virginia Beach)
Caroline Hines (Norfolk)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cihak at 12:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Attendance was taken by Dr. Cihak.

Organization of the Board

Election of Chair / Election of Vice Chair

Dr. Cihak opened the floor to nominations for Regional Board Chair as part of reorganization.

Mr. Clanton was nominated for the Chair position by Mr. Holt. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Melnyk. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Clanton called for the nomination of Vice Chair and nominated Kim Melnyk. Mr. Holt seconded the nomination. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Clanton then added the new members of the Regional Board to introduce themselves.

Amanda Dean (Chesapeake), Michael "Mike" Dean (Isle of Wight), and Tyron Riddick (Suffolk) each introduced themselves.

Appointment of Regional Board Representative to the Foundation Board

Mr. Clanton volunteered to serve as the representative to the Foundation Board and Ms. Melnyk pledged her assistance when she is available.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the September 28, 2022 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Public Comment

None.

Presentation from Musical Theatre and Instrumental Music Departments

Dr. Cihak introduced Instrumental Music senior from Norfolk, Davis Mann. Davis played Bach's Cello Suite 3 in C Major. After he performed, Davis answered questions from Mr. Clanton. Davis shared that he studied orchestra, ensembles, theory, and all areas of music at GSA. He has learned to appreciate all kinds of music and to effectively balance his time. Davis intends to attend college and major in music.

Dr. Cihak introduced Caroline Hines. Caroline is a Musical Theatre student from Virginia Beach. Caroline sang "The Girl in 4G" accompanied by Alan Decipulo. After her performance, Caroline shared that she was a 4th year senior at GSA. She intends to major in Musical Theatre or Theatre in college. She also shared that she had gone to Japan with the Musical Theatre Department when she was a freshman. She said the trip was life changing.

Dr. Cihak introduced the GSA faculty that had come with the students, Jeff Warner, Assist Chair for Musical Theatre, Alan Decipulo, Musical Director, Amanda Gates, Chair of Instrumental Music, and Dr. Stephen Coxe, Associate Chair of Instrumental Music.

Closed Session

Mr. Clanton called for a motion to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel actions. Ms. Melnyk moved that the Board enter into closed session, which was seconded by Mr. Holt. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a motion to move out of closed session was made by Ms. Melnyk and seconded by Mr. Holt. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holt moved that the proposed Personnel Report be adopted. Ms. Melnyk seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Financial Report

Revenue: Referring to the January 24, 2023 revenue report, Dr. Cihak noted that all tuition has been received from localities. A portion of the state entitlement has been received, along with an additional \$31,218 of unbudgeted funds to support the one-time bonuses to staff.

Operational Budget Expenditures: Dr. Cihak shared that the January 24, 2023 expenditure report includes an additional line item that was not included in the original appropriation, which represents the \$31,218 designated from the state for the one-time bonus for staff. This was paid in December, aligned with Norfolk Public Schools. This funding, along with encumbrances carried over from FY22, represent the differential between the original appropriations for FY23 and the estimated revisions.

Mr. Holt moved to accept the financial reports, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. The

motion passed unanimously.

School Report

First Semester Review and Celebrations: Dr. Cihak shared the success of first semester, including cross-curricular collaborations, such as Handel’s Messiah with the Instrumental Music Baroque Orchestra and the Vocal Music Department and the collaboration between visual arts students and dancers showcased at the Winter Dance Concert. GSA continued to strengthen community partnerships to produce projects like the Gourmandizing Norfolk mural, co-productions of *The Hobbit* and *Grease*, a side-by-side production with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, and workshops with artists from Virginia Opera. Students also continue to give back to the community through teaching dance for students with Teens with a Purpose, numerous food drives, volunteering to support local arts initiatives, and volunteering to support local exhibitions and productions. Looking forward, GSA will be expanding partnership with TRS Kids, which provides access to musical theatre education for students who would not otherwise have access. What began as a summer program will launch to a full year during the 2023-2024 school year. GSA will be highlighted at the National High School Dance Festival in Pittsburg in early March, with two pieces selected for performance in a competitive selection process. A piece choreographed by alumni and faculty member Janelle Spruill and a piece choreographed by Yternity Williams (Suffolk 12th grader) will both feature GSA student dancers.

Alumni updates: Dr. Cihak encouraged the Board to look for Patrice Covington, MT Alum and Faculty Member, in a commercial for Acura that will premier during the Super Bowl. She also shared that Will Liverman and DJ King Rico have a new opera, THE FACTOTUM, which debuts at the Lyric Opera in Chicago. In addition, Liverman and Rico, it features alums Adam Richardson and Josh Conyers. Dr. Cihak also shared that Mr. Clanton will be performing in *LA Traviata* with Virginia Opera, which opens in March.

Professional Development: Dr. Cihak shared that GSA continues to focus on school safety and increasing staff capacity to respond to situations that may arise. In November, GSA hosted a Red Cross training on CPR/AED/and First Aid. Earlier this week, GSA hosted the Department of Criminal Justice Services training on Civilian and Casualty Response. Instructionally, we continue to work within departments to align curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Foundation Report

Ms. Thorpe shared for the new Board members that the GSA Foundation raised funds for students and the school. Funding from the Foundation has paid for lighting in Miner Hall, specialized equipment for the Black Box, masterclasses, and trips. Mr. Clanton suggested that any Board members who would like to tour GSA contact Ms. Thorpe to arrange it. Ms. Dean asked if there were fundraising “big tickets” that the Foundation was working on. Ms. Thorpe shared that the Foundation was currently revamping the capital campaign geared toward paying for the expansion.

Unfinished Business

Safety Audit: At the September 28, 2022 meeting, Dr. Spence volunteered the safety team from Virginia Beach City Public Schools to conduct a safety audit of GSA and Dr. Byrdsong offered the support of NPS, as well. In November 2022, the VBCPS team conducted a site visit with Dr. Cihak (Mr. Mallory of NPS was unable to participate but offered ongoing support). On January 26, 2023, Dr. Spence and the VBCPS team visited GSA to share the results of the assessment and the completed report. Dr. Cihak shared that there is no action needed by the Regional Board at this time, but she will be following up on the recommendations of the Committee of Superintendents and investigating the costs associated with adding badge access on the back stairwell and adding a part-time security officer, as well as conducting discussions with Virginia Stage Company and NRHA (who holds the lease on the building) regarding securing the access between GSA and Virginia Stage, while also allowing for an emergency exit.

Technology Infrastructure Upgrade: Dr. Cihak shared that the technology infrastructure upgrade, to which the committee and Regional Board approved the allocation of funds in FY22, has finally been completed. The equipment that previously went “end of life” has now been replaced and the building has stable Wi-Fi, for which both students and staff appreciate.

New Business

Overnight Field Trips: Dr. Cihak presented two overnight field trips in addition to those approved in May 2022. The trips were All Virginia Auditions for Instrumental Music and the Goodwill Tour of Japan for Musical Theatre and Instrumental Music. This will be the 11th time GSA has performed throughout Japan, working to both promote the arts and foster goodwill with the sister cities of both Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Board members asked about housing (host families and hotels), and number of students (less than 34). Ms. Melnyk shared that her child had gone on this trip in 2008. It was a full immersion and life changing experience. Ms. Thorpe said that, as a chaperone, she found it remarkable for herself and the students. Dr. Cihak explained that the students will be from the Musical Theatre and Instrumental Music departments and will perform an original show throughout Japan.

Ms. Melnyk made a motion to approve the proposed trips, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

Activity Fund Audit Report: Dr. Cihak shared the audit report on the student activity funds for FY22. The report indicates a clean audit and Ms. Outlaw-Hartman is to be commended.

Audition Data: Dr. Cihak shared the data of applicants to GSA, with the caveat that numbers from Southampton and Franklin will change based upon on-the-spot audition efforts in both localities. As a result of recruitment efforts, there are 351 applicants for the 2023-2024 school year (many of whom applied to multiple departments), which are 51% applicants of color and 21% applicants identifying as male. The second round of auditions is underway with two Saturdays of auditions completed and two more to go. Final decisions

will be communicated to students by the end of February. Dr. Cihak requested assistance from Mr. Holt with making contact to coordinate onsite auditions in Franklin, to which Mr. Holt said he would be happy to assist.

Proposal to Adjust GSA Allotments: Dr. Cihak shared that she brought forward a proposal to the Committee of Superintendents to increase the allotments of students for which each school division pays tuition from 355 to 400 students. GSA has consistently served students in excess of 355 since FY16, and the administration made an agreement in 2018 with the GSA Foundation to increase enrollment to 400 in exchange for the Foundation's financial support to pay rent on the Shulman Building (Expansion Project). However, given the news of a budget calculation error from VDOE, causing possible shortfalls for participating divisions, the proposal has been tabled. After discussion with the Board of Superintendents, it was suggested that possibility of school divisions paying for the current students attending GSA (383 for FY 23 as of September 30th count) in FY24 and increasing to an allotment that reaches 400 for FY25. Dr. Cihak will bring forward these possibilities at a future meeting.

Approval of Foundation Board Members: Ms. Thorpe requested the approval of Morgan Chase, 2004 Theatre & Film alum, as the newest GSA Foundation Board member.

Ms. Melnyk made a motion to approve Mr. Chase, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

Items by Board Members

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm by Mr. Clanton.

THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

**FY23 Operational Budget
Summary of Revenue**

March 21, 2023

Revenues	FY23	YTD
Anticipated State Entitlement for 355 students*	\$1,408,317.50	\$826,259.40
State Technology	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Fund Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuition	\$1,615,871.25	\$1,615,871.25
Education Stabilization Fund	\$0.00	\$1,999.00
TOTAL	\$3,050,188.75	\$2,470,129.65

*Anticipated allotment plus addition of one-time bonus funding of \$31,218.50

**The Governor's School for the Arts
Operational Budget Expenses for FY22
Financial Report As Of March 21, 2023**

OBJECT CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY23 BUDGET ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD	ENCUMBERED TO DATE	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% EXPENDED ENCUMBERED AS OF 3/21/2023
1110	Administrative Salary	\$ 229,373.00	\$ 229,373.00	\$159,730.02	\$0.00	\$69,642.98	69.60%
1120	Teachers: Contracted	\$ 623,682.00	\$ 623,682.00	\$435,754.28	\$0.00	\$187,927.72	69.90%
1121	Teachers: Hourly Salary	\$ 526,000.00	\$ 543,715.00	\$409,987.40	\$0.00	\$133,727.60	75.40%
1150	Clerical Salary	\$ 77,594.00	\$ 77,594.00	\$56,003.10	\$0.00	\$21,590.90	72.20%
1621	Stipends	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 14,800.00	\$10,276.47	\$0.00	\$4,523.53	69.40%
1660	Bonus - One Time	\$ -	\$ 31,218.50	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,218.50	57.70%
2100	Social Security	\$ 115,305.00	\$ 115,305.00	\$84,316.12	\$0.00	\$30,988.88	73.10%
2210	VRS Retirement	\$ 100,642.00	\$ 100,642.00	\$70,556.81	\$0.00	\$30,085.19	70.10%
2220	VRS Retirement - Hybrid	\$ 63,522.00	\$ 63,522.00	\$39,616.23	\$0.00	\$23,905.77	62.40%
2300	Health Insurance	\$ 140,745.00	\$ 140,745.00	\$97,755.70	\$0.00	\$42,989.30	69.50%
2400	VRS Group Life	\$ 12,692.00	\$ 12,692.00	\$8,868.85	\$0.00	\$3,823.15	69.90%
2510	VLDP Disability-Hybrid	\$ 4,461.00	\$ 4,461.00	\$1,115.44	\$0.00	\$3,345.56	25.00%
2750	VRS Retiree Healthcare	\$ 11,475.00	\$ 11,475.00	\$8,008.28	\$0.00	\$3,466.72	69.80%
2800	Terminal Leave Payment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
3000	Contracts	\$ 280,927.00	\$ 275,712.00	\$189,058.77	\$33,705.49	\$52,947.74	80.80%
3117	Equip Maint Contract	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$425.04	\$0.00	\$74.96	85.00%
5110	Electricity	\$ 28,900.00	\$ 33,600.00	\$23,891.94	\$6,661.26	\$3,046.80	90.90%
5120	Natural Gas	\$ 2,610.00	\$ 2,610.00	\$364.18	\$787.46	\$1,458.36	44.10%
5130	Water	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$2,296.08	\$391.14	\$1,112.78	70.70%
5250	Postage/Courier	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$296.20	\$0.00	\$503.80	37.00%
5260	Telephone	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 21,600.00	\$16,088.82	\$5,451.18	\$60.00	99.70%
5300	Insurance	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$9,972.00	\$0.00	\$328.00	96.80%
5400	Leases/Rentals	\$ 606,831.00	\$ 607,131.00	\$571,943.37	\$30,540.00	\$4,647.63	99.20%
5501	Local Travel	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$14,217.50	\$0.00	\$8,782.50	61.80%
5550	Staff Development	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00	48.30%
6000	Supplies	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 112,235.86	\$90,121.98	\$0.00	\$22,113.88	80.30%
6040	Tech Software	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	0.00%
8200	Equipment Additions	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,120.22	\$15,613.00	\$120.22	\$10,387.00	60.20%
		\$3,019,059.00	\$3,100,544.83	\$2,337,726.58	\$77,656.75	\$685,250.25	77.90%

Phased Proposal to Adjust School Division Allotments The Governor's School for the Arts

Overview

The Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) serves students from eight localities and is funded by both a per-pupil allotment from the Virginia Department of Education, as well as tuition from each of the participating localities. In 2018, the school underwent an expansion into the Schulman Building, with two floors leased from Marathon Development. In order to finance the expansion, the GSA administration entered into an agreement with the GSA Foundation, the 501(c)(3) that works to support the mission of the school. The agreement was for the Foundation to provide financial assistance to cover the rent of one floor of the expansion project in exchange for the school increasing enrollment to 400, as this was determined to be the enrollment number where funding levels would make the expansion into the Schulman building financially sustainable. While GSA has worked to increase enrollment, the allotments of students per participating locality have remained static since at least FY13 (the first year of records available in SSWS). The number of students funded by the localities is 355.

Historical Data

GSA enrollment data, broken out by school division, is only available from VDOE dating back to FY13. This chart indicates the number of participating students from each locality on September 30th of each of the fiscal years:

School Division	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	Current Allotment
Chesapeake	81	78	80	83	80	84	94	88	91	88	93	80
Franklin	1	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	1
Isle of Wight	21	19	22	25	26	22	26	29	30	26	24	22
Norfolk	58	56	54	57	60	54	54	58	58	70	62	54
Portsmouth	22	22	24	27	23	21	22	22	18	19	21	24
Southampton	7	8	6	6	5	6	6	6	7	7	6	7
Suffolk	26	28	28	29	30	34	32	31	27	28	37	27
Virginia Beach	145	144	139	140	143	144	152	141	136	126	137	140
TOTAL	361	355	355	369	369	367	387	376	370	366	382	355

Source: VDOE Student Enrollment Reports September 30th of Each Fiscal Year.

Proposed Allotments: Phase 1 FY 24

For GSA to sustain total student enrollment of 400, it is proposed that the allotments for participating localities be adjusted as follows:

School Division	Current Allotment	Proposed Allotment FY 24	Difference	FY 23 Tuition	FY 24 Proposed Tuition	Increased Cost Over FY 23
Chesapeake	80	90	+10	\$364,160	\$409,680	\$45,520
Franklin	1	1	-	\$4,552	\$4,552	-
Isle of Wight	22	23	+1	\$100,144	\$104,696	\$4,552
Norfolk	54	60	+6	\$245,808	\$273,120	\$27,312
Portsmouth	24	24	-	\$109,248	\$109,248	-
Southampton	7	7	-	\$31,864	\$31,864	-
Suffolk	27	35	+8	\$122,904	\$159,320	\$36,416
Virginia Beach	140	142	+2	\$637,280	\$646,384	\$9,104
TOTAL	355	382	+27	\$1,615,960	\$1,738,864	\$122,904

Proposed Allotments: Phase 2 FY 25

For GSA to sustain total student enrollment of 400, it is proposed that the allotments for participating localities be adjusted as follows:

School Division	Proposed Allotment FY24	Proposed Allotment FY25	Difference	FY 24 Tuition	FY 25 Proposed Tuition	Increased Cost Over FY 24
Chesapeake	90	96	+6	\$409,680	\$436,992	\$27,312
Franklin	1	1	-	\$4,552	\$4,552	-
Isle of Wight	23	25	+2	\$104,696	\$113,800	\$9,104
Norfolk	60	66	+6	\$273,120	\$300,432	\$27,312
Portsmouth	24	24	-	\$109,248	\$109,248	-
Southampton	7	7	-	\$31,864	\$31,864	-
Suffolk	35	37	+2	\$159,320	\$168,424	\$9,104
Virginia Beach	142	144	+2	\$646,384	\$655,488	\$9,104
TOTAL	382	400	+18	\$1,738,864	\$1,820,800	\$81,936

Total Allotments and Tuition

School Division	Proposed Allotment FY25	Difference	Increased Cost Over FY 23
Chesapeake	96	+16	\$72,832
Franklin	1	-	-
Isle of Wight	25	+3	\$13,656
Norfolk	66	+12	\$54,624
Portsmouth	24	-	-
Southampton	7	-	-
Suffolk	37	+10	\$45,520
Virginia Beach	144	+4	\$18,208
TOTAL	400	+45	\$204,840

Resulting Impact

An increase to allotments will allow GSA to accept additional students, planning for approximately 415 students annually with the recognition that students change their plans over the summer months, with a goal of beginning each school year with 400 students enrolled. Increasing the allotments will allow GSA to develop a budget based upon a higher number of students, which means that the increased funds from both the per-pupil funding from the state and the increased tuition amounts can be utilized to cover the costs of additional staffing and facilities. The most important impact is that a larger number of students will be served by GSA.

As an immediate need, it is proposed to use the increase in funds to support a part-time security guard (estimated cost of \$22,041) in FY24 and an Associate Chair for the Visual Arts Department (estimated cost of \$84,674) in FY25.

ESTIMATED SECURITY OFFICER COST

POSITION	FY24 HOURLY PAY	DAILY HOURS	DAILY RATE	DAYS PER YEAR	ESTIMATED ANNUAL WAGES	FICA 7.65%	ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST
Security Officer	\$22.75	5.00	\$ 114	180	\$ 20,475	\$ 1,566	\$ 22,041

Proposed Adjustments to FY23 Budget

The Governor's School for the Arts

The FY23 budget for The Governor's School for the Arts was built on an anticipated enrollment of 355 students, which is the enrollment that is allotted amongst the eight participating localities. As of September 30, 2022, the GSA enrollment was 382 students, which is what was submitted to the Virginia Department of Education. The additional 27 students resulted in GSA receiving additional state entitlement funds. Additionally, the VDOE corrected an error in their initial funding of Academic Year Governor's Schools to account for the ongoing cost of the 2020-2022 biennium compensation supplement, which had not been accounted for in the initial 2022-2024 biennium re-benchmarking process.

The result is an increase of \$195,232, as noted below:

FY23 Budgeted State Entitlement	FY 23 Actual State Entitlement	Difference
\$1,377,099	\$1,572,331	\$195,232

GSA respectfully requests approval to allocate the additional funds as follows:

Purpose	Account Code	Amount
Security Upgrades		
James Doorcheck Contract: Doors and Hardware	9200-8-870-900-98300-0000-300000	\$21,000
ePlus Contract: Electronic Access Panels	9200-8-870-900-98300-0000-300000	\$24,000
ePlus Contract: Secure Access Cards	9200-8-870-900-98300-0000-300000	\$1,000
Two-Way Direct Contract: Portable 2-Way Radios	9200-8-870-900-98300-0000-300000	\$12,000
Keying of new doors	9200-8-870-900-98300-0000-300000	\$500
Part-Time Staffing		
Dance Hourly Wages	9200-8-870-900-98100-0000-112100	\$20,000
IM Hourly Wages	9200-8-870-900-98140-0000-112100	\$20,000
Musical Theatre Hourly Wages	9200-8-870-900-98160-0000-112100	\$20,000
Theatre/Film Hourly Wages	9200-8-870-900-98120-0000-112100	\$20,000
Visual Art Hourly Wages	9200-8-870-900-98180-0000-112100	\$20,000
Vocal Music Hourly Wages	9200-8-870-900-98200-0000-112100	\$20,000
Supplies		
Administrative Supplies	9200-8-870-900-98300-0000-600000	\$16,732
TOTAL		\$195,232

Proposed 2023-2024 Calendar The Governor's School for the Arts

The Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) instructional calendar works to follow the academic calendar of Norfolk Public Schools as closely as possible with exceptions for where the academic plan for the majority of students will be negatively impacted.

The proposed calendar consists of a similar start and end date as in previous years. It features grading periods aligned to those of Norfolk Public Schools, which means that grades will be delivered to all participating school divisions on or before the deadlines for their grading periods.

The proposed calendar includes the following deviations from Norfolk Public Schools:

- September 5, 2023 Start: GSA begins the school year with Opening Day, during which the entire school comes together to view performances and speakers from each department. Starting the school year prior to this date would mean that 50% of the students would be missing four days of GSA, requiring teachers to revisit introductions and procedures twice. Precedent for this deviation exists from the 2021-2022 school year when GSA began on the same day as Virginia Beach City Public Schools (two days later than NPS) to ensure an Opening Day with all students in attendance.
- Winter Break: Norfolk Public Schools approved a calendar with a two week break from 12/25/23 through 1/5/24. However, applying this same break to GSA means that students from other school divisions would miss between four and five days of GSA instruction. The proposed calendar includes a break from 12/21/23 through 1/2/24, ensuring equity among school divisions and the maximum days that any school division's students would miss from GSA would be three school days.
- October 30, 2023: Proposed as a full day of instruction for GSA, which is listed as a workday/professional development day for Norfolk Public Schools.

The Governor's School for the Arts 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

July						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Summer Schedule
Closed on Friday
3-4: Independence Break

January						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1-2: Winter Break
15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
19: End of 2nd Quarter
 (45 days)
22: Staff Workday
23: Start 3rd Quarter

August						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

16: Dept Chairs Return
24: Full Time Faculty Report
24-31: Staff Workdays

February						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

19: President's Day
22: Progress Reports

September						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1: Staff Workday
4: Labor Day
5: Opening Day
29: Progress Reports

March						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

11: March Break
25: End 3rd Quarter
 (43 days)
26: Start 4th Quarter
29: Staff Workday

October						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

27: End of 1st Quarter
 (39 Days)
30: Start 2nd Quarter

April						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

1-5: Spring Break

November						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

7: Prof. Development
10: Veterans Day
22-24: Thanksgiving

May						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

3: Progress Reports
27: Memorial Day
31: Senior Grades Due

December						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

11: Progress Reports
21-29: Winter Break

June						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

4: Graduation
7: Last day for students
 (47 Days)
10: New Student Orientation
14: Last Day for Full-Time
18: Last Day Dept. Chairs
19: Juneteenth
20: Start Summer Schedule

Holiday: GSA is Closed

Staff work day (No Students)