



WELCOME!

2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR



OPENING DAY

September 5, 2023

Opening Day at GSA is an exciting event! Your peers will welcome you, you will meet your faculty, and see live performances.

All students will be dropped off at the GSA Building, 254 Granby Street, Norfolk, 23510.

Students will go directly to their departments:

Dance:

Expansion- enter through the 3rd floor of the Main building

Instrumental Music:

Miner Music Hall
enter through the 3rd floor of the Main building

Musical Theatre:

3rd Floor- Room 317

Theatre & Film:

4th Floor

Visual Arts:

5th Floor

Vocal Music:

4th Floor



BUSES

Be sure to check with transportation at your home high school regarding buses to GSA. The transportation phone numbers are listed in the student handbook which can be found on our [website](#). **IF A STUDENT MISSES THE BUS FOR ANY REASON IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE A RIDE HOME.**

1st shift buses (Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Southampton) will depart at 4:20pm.

2nd shift buses (Chesapeake, Isle of Wight, Suffolk and Franklin) will depart at 5:20pm.



SCHEDULING AND INSTRUCTIONAL TIMES

Norfolk, Portsmouth, Southampton, and Virginia Beach students will have classes from 1:00 pm to 4:10 pm.

Chesapeake, Franklin, Isle of Wight, and Suffolk students will have classes from 2:00 pm to 5:10 pm.

Students will receive their class schedules during the first week of instruction.

TECHNOLOGY

GSA is committed to providing students with the appropriate technology needed to be successful in their art specialty.

GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

The GSA grading scale is outlined in the GSA Student Handbook. Students will receive grades in all enrolled classes during the quarter.

Teachers will provide students with a syllabus that will specify how students will be assessed and receive feedback.

When appropriate, students will be required to be in dress code. This dress code varies from department to department.

Students will receive progress reports, mid-way through each quarter, in classes in which they are not completing required work or performing below a C average.

There are four (4) grading periods, which are approximately nine (9) weeks in length.

Some departments will hold mid-year and end-of-year jury assessments. These juries vary from department to department.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are required to attend all of their GSA classes, regularly and on time. Daily attendance will be monitored.

Communication by parents/guardians is essential. Parents/guardians are asked to email absentee notes to the department chair and the data specialist whenever their student is absent from a scheduled class. **Your home school does not share notes with our office.**

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided by our school districts; therefore, we encourage our families to contact their student's home high school to determine procedures and safety protocols that have been established.

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SUPPLIES & MATERIALS FEES

Supplies vary from department to department and will be disseminated from GSA. A materials fee of \$250 is due October 15, 2023. Families may submit a request for waiver or reduced fees. The form is located on the gsarts website or may be accessed [HERE](#).

GSA also has a wishlist for supplies from Amazon. Link [HERE to make a purchase](#).

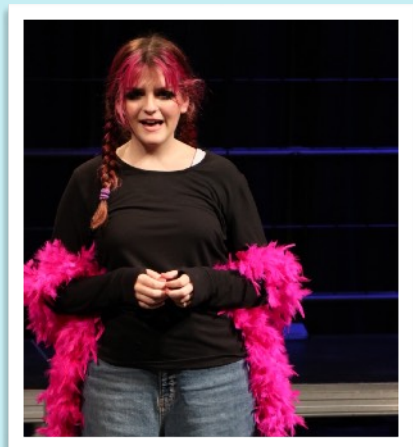


PERFORMANCES

Performances will vary from department to department. A calendar of events will be published in our online calendar on our website.

[Link here for the academic calendar](#)

[Link here for the performance & exhibition calendar](#)



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

All events, school holidays, school closings, etc. are in our academic calendar on our website under the home page. All performance & exhibitions are under the performance & exhibition calendar on our website. Each department may keep a departmental calendar as well.

[Link here for the academic calendar](#)

[Link here for the performance & exhibition calendar](#)

Tuesday, September 5, 2023: **Opening Day**

Wednesday- Friday, November 22-24, 2023: **Thanksgiving Holiday**

Thursday- Tuesday, December 21, 2023- January 2, 2024: **Winter Break**

Saturday, March 23, 2024: **Prom**
(open to all GSA students, any grade level)

Monday- Friday, April 1-5, 2024: **Spring Break**

Wednesday, June 5, 2024: **Graduation**

Friday, June 7, 2024: **Last day of GSA**

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