

Henrico County Public Schools
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies

Criteria for Applying

This regional high school for gifted students offers an advanced college preparatory curriculum emphasizing government, international studies, world languages, science, mathematics, and fine arts as well as opportunities for international learning experiences. Eighth-grade students residing in Henrico County are selected on a competitive basis through an application process **beginning mid-October** and lasting through early March. **Students are eligible to apply if they meet the following criteria:**

1. Eighth-grade students **must be enrolled in Algebra I** or a higher-level mathematics course for high school credit when they apply.
2. Eighth-grade students must be enrolled in a World Language course or completed one year for high school credit when they apply.
3. Eighth-grade students must have a **B average** according to Henrico County's grading scale for the four core subjects at the end of the 7th grade year. Students who do not have a B average but would like to be considered as an applicant due to special circumstances must provide a letter of explanation to the Educational Specialist for Gifted Programs, Henrico County Public Schools, by **November 4, 2020**.

Students residing in Henrico County should have successfully completed for credit the most rigorous academic courses offered in their public middle school. The most rigorous eighth-grade courses offered in Henrico County Public Schools are:

- English – Advanced Grade 8 English
- Mathematics – Algebra I or higher for high school credit
- Science – Earth Science or higher for high school credit
- Social Studies – World History & Geography I or higher for high school credit
- World Language – Foundations B or completed one year for high school credit

The MLWGS admissions handbook and application will be available online beginning **October 15, 2020**.

The application deadline is **December 1, 2020**.

Parents of eighth- grade students currently enrolled in Henrico County Public Schools who meet the above criteria may access the online application by:

1. Logging into their **PowerSchool Parent Portal**
2. Select **Access Online Forms** located on the left.
3. Once in Rycor, select the student's name that is eligible to apply and from the *Governor's School* tab select the form "*MLWGS Application 2021*" to complete.

Eighth-grade students residing in Henrico County but not enrolled in the public schools should contact the office of Gifted Education Programs, Henrico County Public Schools, 804-652-3765. For additional information, visit the Governor's School website at www.gsgis.k12.va.us

