

# Southwest Virginia Governor's School Application

**Note:** All Radford High School applicants to SWVGS should complete the official SWVGS application (available online or from the high school gifted coordinator) and return it to the governor's school liaison. This local addition to the application packet contains a copy of the selection matrix that Radford High School uses to determine the qualifications of our student applicants and to rank them. It also contains a copy of the **Intent Form**, which you and your parents should read, sign, and return with your application. You also must complete the required college applications (for dual enrollment course credit).

Return your **completed application materials to your school counselor**. A completed application includes written recommendations from three high school teachers you have selected—**please give your references at least one week's notice to complete the recommendation forms and to return them directly to your counselor**. Also, the application includes your completed and signed Intent Form.

All application materials are due to your gifted coordinator by **February 28**. If February 28 falls on a snow day, turn your materials in on the next day school is in session.

*Any eligible student's participation in SWVGS is dependent upon available funding.*

After applications are submitted, applying students will be notified of testing dates to complete the Stanford 10 Achievement test. The results of this test will be used as part of the application matrix.

# INTENT FORM FOR SWVGS APPLICATION

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INTENT STATEMENT

I (WE) HAVE READ THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA GOVERNORS SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND TECHNOLOGY (SWVAGS), AND I (WE) HAVE DISCUSSED WITH OUR SON/DAUGHTER THE COMMITMENT INVOLVED IN ATTENDING SWVGS.

I (WE) HEREBY CONCUR TO PLEDGE OUR COMMITMENT AS PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR OUR SON/DAUGHTER TO ATTEND SWVGS, AND CERTIFY THAT OUR SON/DAUGHTER HAS A GENUINE AND SINCERE INTEREST IN ATTENDING IF SELECTED.

I (WE) CONSENT TO ACHIEVEMENT AND APTITUDE TESTING OF OUR CHILD AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

(WE) UNDERSTAND THE TIME COMMITMENT, THE SCHEDULING PRIORITIES/CONSTRAINTS, AND THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF RADFORD CITY SCHOOLS IN ORDER FOR OUR SON/DAUGHTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

I (WE) UNDERSTAND THAT IF OUR SON/DAUGHTER IS NOT SELECTED, THAT I (WE) HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL THE DECISION. THE APPEAL PROCESS FOLLOWS THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN THE RADFORD CITY SCHOOLS POLICY MANUAL INDD, INDD-R LABELED "ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE."

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**(PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE(S)/DATE)**

## STUDENT APPLICANT STATEMENT

I HAVE READ THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA GOVERNORS SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, AND TECHNOLOGY (SWVGS), AND I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS INFORMATION WITH MY PARENT (S)/GUARDIAN (S).

I HEREBY EXPRESS MY GENUINE INTEREST AND COMMITMENT TO ATTENDING SWVGS, SHOULD THE SELECTION COMMITTEE SELECT ME.

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**(STUDENT APPLICANT SIGNATURE/DATE)**

STUDENT EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Radford High School**  
**Southwest Virginia Governor's School Selection Matrix**  
**(to be filled out by the selection committee)**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Matrix Points	5	4	3	2	1	0	Point Total
Overall GPA*	$\geq 4.0$	$\geq 3.9$	$\geq 3.8$	$\geq 3.7$	$\geq 3.6$	$< 3.6$	/5
Science GPA* (high school credit) (weighted)**	$\geq 4.0$	$\geq 3.5$	$\geq 3.0$				/10
Math GPA* (high school credit) (weighted)**	$\geq 4.0$	$\geq 3.5$	$\geq 3.0$				/10
Stan 10 Total Reading (or Reading Comprehension) (score %)	$\geq 98\%$	$\geq 96\%$	$\geq 94\%$	$\geq 92\%$	$\geq 90\%$	$< 90\%$	/5
Stan 10 Total Math (or Math Problem Solving) (score%/weighted)**	$\geq 98\%$	$\geq 96\%$	$\geq 94\%$	$\geq 92\%$	$\geq 90\%$	$< 90\%$	/10
Teacher Recommendation (weighted)**	81-90	71-80	61-70	51-60	50	Under 50	/10
SOL/EOC (math & sci. tests passed)	3 w/3 adv.	3; w/2 adv.	3; w/1 adv.	3	2	$< 2$	/5
Total possible/Total score							<b>/55</b>

\* Include first semester averages of the current year for the appropriate courses.

\*\* Math and Science GPA matrix points will be counted twice; Stanford Ten Math counted twice; Teacher recommendation counted twice.

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Tiebreakers: Stanford 10 Math Score, Stanford 10 Reading Comprehension Score, and others as the committee elects. These are designated as # \_\_\_\_ A and # \_\_\_\_ B, rather than actual points.

Selection Committee Members:

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\_\_\_\_\_**Endorsed**\_\_\_\_\_ **Not Endorsed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank # =** \_\_\_\_\_