

Cumberland County Schools

Academically/Intellectually Gifted Program

2025-2026 Governor’s School Local Selection Announced

- Congratulations to this year's nominees for the North Carolina Governor’s School.
- 34 Academic Nominees (*selections made by the CCS Governor’s School Selection Committee*)
 - 41 Arts Nominees (*selections made by the local school level selection committee*)

These selected students will now advance to the state-level selection process. This stage will determine the participants for the prestigious summer residential program for gifted high school students.

The program is administered collaboratively by the Public Schools of North Carolina, the State Board of Education, and the Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), specifically through the NCDPI Office of Advanced Learning and Gifted Education.

All nominees will be notified of their selection status in March 2026.

School	Student	Discipline
Cape Fear High	Aslyn Autry	Choral Music
	Carter Lehman	Math
	Declan McGarry	Instrumental Music
	Ezra Pajarilla	Instrumental Music
	Fabricio Riveria	English
	Faith Penton	Choral Music
	Hope Jernigan	Math
	Thomas Jones	Instrumental Music
Cross Creek Early College High	Chakira Kodjo	Natural Science
Cumberland Academy Virtual High	Joneb Cruz	Natural Science
Cumberland International Early College High	Aubrey Robinson	Math
	Esthela Lustin	Social Science
	Zavier Marrow	Instrumental Music
Cumberland Polytechnic Early College High	Megan Hurtado	Natural Science
Douglas Byrd High	Britanie Louis	Natural Science
	Chloe Cooney	Theater Arts
	Jennasen Thomas	Theater Arts
E.E. Smith High	Amiya Crawford	Social Science
	Kamira Lucas	Visual Arts
Grays Creek High	Emmalyn Bascomb	Natural Science
	Fletcher Witherow	Math
	Lauren Harvey	Dance
	Lillianne Jones	Visual Arts
Jack Britt High	Alexa Medvedev	Math
	Alexandra Julo	Instrumental Music
	Amya Savant	Choral Music
	April Bernal	Natural Science
	Christopher Largo	Instrumental Music
	Claralyn White	Instrumental Music
	Daniel Chu	Natural Science
	Hannah Satterlee	Instrumental Music
	Jekori Williams	Instrumental Music
	Joel Barba	Instrumental Music
	Kevin Anane	Social Science
	Laila Hardy	Choral Music
	Leann Canup Martinez	Math
	Makayla Sturruup	Choral Music
	Mose Brock	Instrumental Music

	Nazira Rahman	Natural Science
	Nimai Nakkala	Math
	Noor Khan	Natural Science
	Norma Wilson	Choral Music
	Nya Williams	Theater Arts
	Sara Bordewick	Instrumental Music
	Savannah Tucker	Math
	Sophia Lee	Instrumental Music
	Stevie Smith	Theater Arts
Massey Hill Classical High	Alexis Jones	Choral Music
	Ava Kinlaw	Dance
	Finnley Entrocaso	Theater Arts
	Irvin Zuluaga Rivera	Instrumental Music
	Jayla Jordan	Instrumental Music
	Kenzie Sears	Theater Arts
	Lordia Effon	Choral Music
	Mackenzie Alexander	Social Science
	Mackenzie McGrew	Natural Science
	Mose Harris V	Choral Music
	Noah Beatty	Math
	Victoria Brijnath	Visual Arts
Pine Forest High	Carlos Bermudez	Choral Music
	Danae Albertyn	Natural Science
	Daphne Cox	Choral Music
	Mia Adame	English
Reid Ross Classical High	Larry Carroll	Natural Science
Seventy-First High	Falyne Stokes-Leake	Dance
	Jade Harris	Social Science
South View High	Isabella Brown-Page	Instrumental Music
Terry Sanford High	Aaron Lin	Math
	Allison Kim	Natural Science
	Autry Canady	Natural Science
	Grace Farmer	Visual Arts
	Marlii Givens	Dance
Westover High	Jada Jenkins	Social Science
	Timothy Faulkner	Math
	Zamya Rodriguez	Math

The students named above have been nominated to represent Cumberland County Schools at the 2025-2026 NC Governor’s School selection committee.

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Superintendent

Advanced Learning & Gifted Education Coordinator