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ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT	Jackson River Governor's School Participation
RATIONALE	<p>During the 2013 - 14 budget cycle, participation in the Jackson River Governor's School was capped at 14 students per year (approximately 7 juniors and 7 seniors) due to cuts to the budget.</p> <p>The number of seats was derived from the average number of ACPS students enrolled in the Governor's School during the previous four years. During the 2014 – 15 school year, the Allegheny Foundation provided funding for additional seats to ensure that everyone who met the criteria and qualified for Governor's School was provided an opportunity to enroll in the Governor's School program. However, the Allegheny Foundation is not providing funding beyond the current school year. Below is the historical data for the number of ACPS students attending Governor's School as well as the criteria for eligibility.</p> <p>2009-10: 6 2010-11: 13 2011-12: 24 2012-13: 15 2013-14: 14 (First year of enrollment limit) 2014-15: 18 (First year of Allegheny Foundation grant) 2015-16: 20 (Second year of Allegheny Foundation grant)</p> <p>The following criteria must be met to be eligible for Governor's School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of Algebra II and Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying VPT (Virginia Placement Test for community college), PSAT, SAT, or ACT scores to meet criteria for community college acceptance <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of advanced course work

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Two teacher recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor recommendation <p>For the 2016-17 school year, 12 of the 14 rising seniors will be returning. 21 rising juniors applied and 18 students met the criteria and are eligible for Governor's School. Based on the Board's previous decision, ACPS can select two more rising juniors to attend the Governor's School (based on the number of seats, final selection is determined by grade point average). Approximately \$8000.00 remains unspent of the Alleghany Foundation grant. The remainder of the grant will provide for 3 more rising juniors to attend Governor's School. ACPS will provide additional funding for two more students, which provides funding for 7 rising juniors to attend Governor's School.</p> <p>The seven students have been sent a letter of acceptance and the other 11 students have been sent letters placing the student on a waiting list.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>The Board establishes a yearly Governor's School enrollment based on 5% of the current sophomore class. The number of seats will be determined during the fall which will provide information in a timely manner for budgetary considerations.</p> <p>Currently, the sophomore class has 200 students, ACPS would fund a maximum of 10 students from that class. If this proposal is adopted for the 2016-17 school year, 3 more rising juniors would be accepted into the Governor School's program. The remaining seven students would be provided with the opportunity to enroll in the Early Scholars program.</p>
ESTIMATED COSTS	Cost per student for first year students is \$3,055.50 and for second year students is \$2,619.00 based on 2015-2016 tuition rates. We anticipate a slight increase for 2016-2017.
BUDGET CATEGORY	Instruction-Governor's School/Dual Enrollment
LEGAL REFERENCE	§22.1-16 Code of Virginia; 8VAC20-40 (10-70) http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/gifted_ed/gifted_regulations.pdf
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