

# NC Governor's School Update and Policy Amendment

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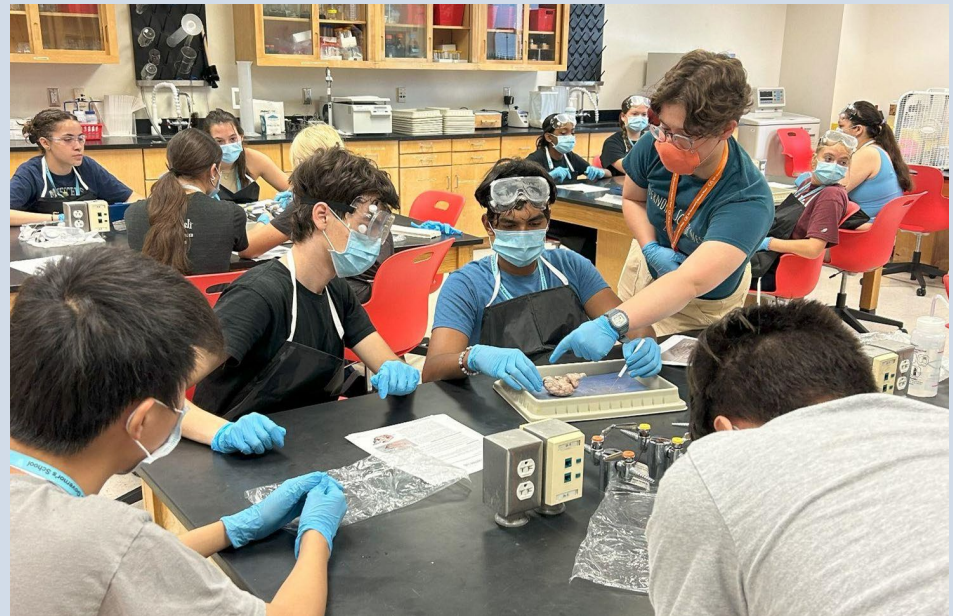
# NC Governor's School

## *A Brief History*

- Established in 1963, and recently celebrated 60th anniversary.
- First program of its kind.
- Inspired Governor's Schools in other states.
- Over 40,000 students have attended since 1963.
- 800 students will attend this summer.
  - Governor's School East at Meredith College
  - Governor's School West at Greensboro College

# What is Governor's School?

- Four-week residential program on college campuses
- Talented and high achieving students and faculty
- Diverse learning community
- Innovative classes focusing on the most recent concepts, ideas, and theories
  - Area I: Focused Discipline: (70%)
  - Area II: Applied Philosophy: (15%)
  - Area III: Self and Society (15%)
  - Elective Seminars
  - Campus Speakers
  - No grades or tests





# North Carolina Governor's School

*A tradition of inspiring North Carolina students since 1963*



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# Strengthening the foundation for the next 60 years



Building capacity across the state with improved communication, sessions with local coordinators, and greater partnership regarding the application and selection process.



Developed a program within the allocated budget

- integrated GS Foundation funds effectively
- increased host campus payments
- increased tuition
- implemented cost-saving measures

# Strengthening the foundation for the next 60 years

Created and updated:

- Handbooks for all students, staff, and administrators.
- Resources to guide and assist district-level Governor's School coordinators with the application process.
- Family overview document and video for prospective students and their parents.

Updating policies and procedures.

Improving working relationship with GS Foundation.

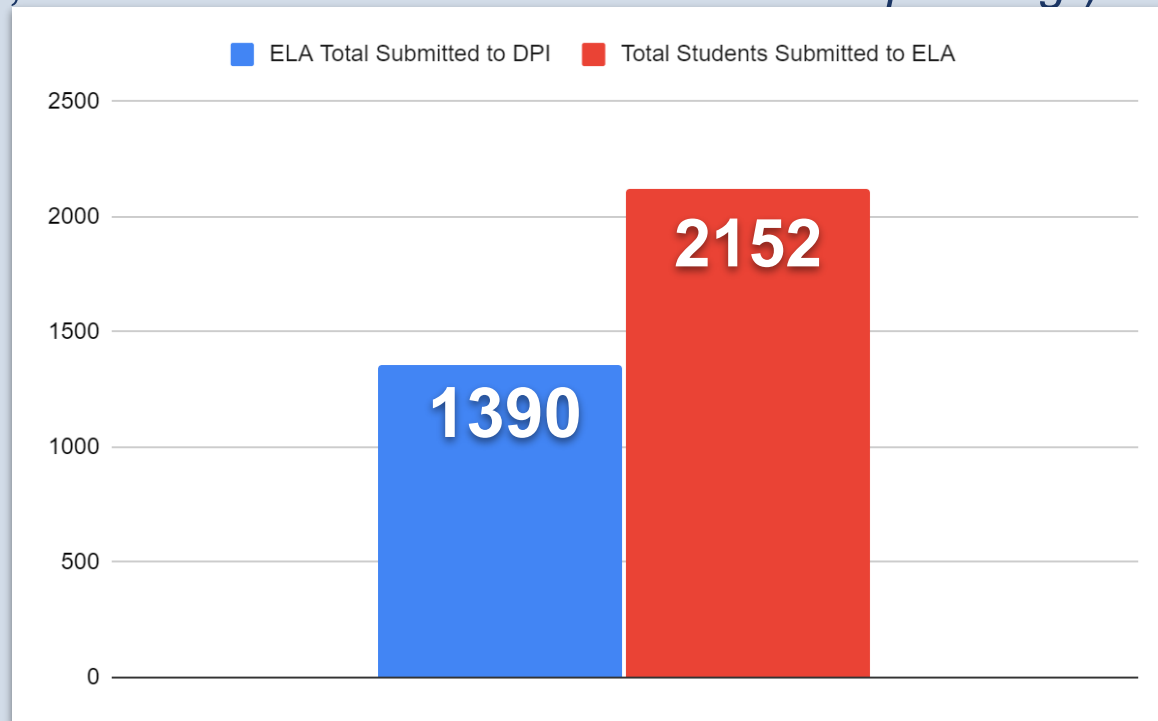


# Application Numbers and Increasing Interest

- State-level nominations decreased 2016-2021.
- Nominations have **increased** 2021-2024, due to improved communication with districts and schools and the creation of new recruitment resources.
- Many more applications received locally than can be nominated to the state-level. Over half of LEAs receive more applications than they can submit.

# Application Numbers (Summer of 2024) LEAs only

Number of Applications Submitted LEAS compared to the Number of Applications submitted to DPI for consideration. (*Survey of GS Local Coordinators, 92 of 115 LEA Local Coordinators responding.*)



# Selected GS Students

- From 2013 through 2021, the Governor's School averaged selecting **667** students annually.
- From 2022 through 2024, the Governor's School has averaged selecting **858** students (serving 800) demonstrating a commitment to serving a greater number of NCs students.
- The Governor's School is committed to striving for continued representation from across the state.
  - 2013 – minority subgroups represented 26%
  - 2018 – minority subgroups represented 33.58%
  - 2024 – minority subgroups represent 49%

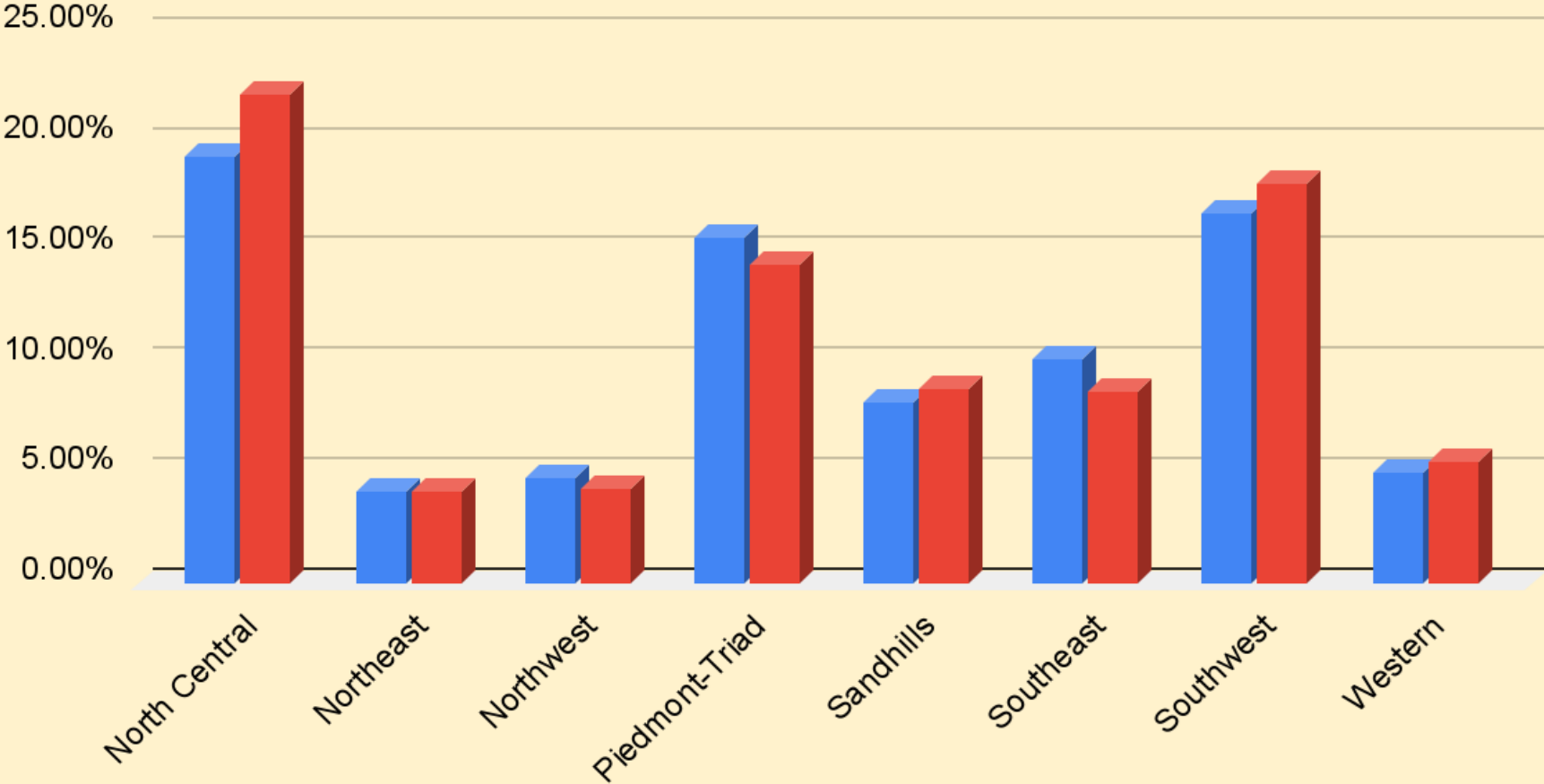
# Selected GS Students (cont.)

2023 GS Students' GPA	Nominated	Selected
Average Unweighted	3.83	3.88
Average Weighted	4.31	4.40

- For 2024, percentage of selected students by education entity:
  - Charter: 5.3%
  - LEAs: 85.9%
  - Private: 8.2%
  - UNC: 1%

# 2024 State GS Nominations and Selection Data by Region

Regional Nominations    State Selections



NC Educational Region (PSU only)

# Nomination and Selection Process

Increasingly competitive, because total numbers of accepted students have not adjusted for population increase.

Progress:

- Clear and transparent process
- Increased diversity in geographic and racial/ethnic backgrounds.
- Continued use of Superintendent's Choice program

Areas to still improve:

- Access and opportunity. Continued representation across state and demographics

# GS Alumni Spotlight: Kim Jones *NC Teacher of the Year*



# GS Proposed Policy AClG-001

Overview of Program

Board of Governors – added a HS Arts Director and HS Personnel

Nomination and Selection Process

Summer Faculty and Staff

Resources and Guidebooks

Preparations and Operations

*Recommended by the Board of Governors*

# Student Quotes (2023)

*I am more comfortable meeting new people and being open to new opinions. I can think more critically. I can understand others' perspectives. I know myself better. I am more empathetic and excited to live and be in the world.*

*i love learning again.*

*I understand the relevance of careful empirical research as well as questioning the results of an experiment.*

*I met new people from all different backgrounds and now have a better understanding of the world I live in.*

*Because of my Governor's School experience, I managed to grab a hold of some very complex Math concepts such as trefoil knots, rings and fields, and fractals. Not only that, I created new friendships with people across the state.*

# GS Vision for the Future

- Develop an online class open to all NC High School students based upon NC Governor's School approaches.
- Secure funding for better host campus and personnel pay.
- Expand the capacity of the Governor's School to serve more students.
- Add a new discipline, Computer Science and Technology.
- Continue working towards increased equity and excellence.

