

Academic Planning for Military Families

Gifted Education

In PWCS, students are found eligible for gifted services in Specific Intellectual Aptitude (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and/or History and Social Sciences). The Identification and Placement process in PWCS uses multiple criteria. View the [Educational Services for Gifted Students](#) (PDF) information guide for detailed information.

Educational Program Placement

The Interstate Compact addresses educational program placement for military students. Per the Interstate Compact, the receiving state shall initially honor placement of the student in educational programs based on current educational assessments conducted at the school in the sending state or participation/placement in like programs in the sending state. Such programs include but are not limited to: 1) gifted and talented programs; and 2) English as a second language (ESL)

Home Instruction

Some military families may choose homeschooling as a choice of instruction. See the [requirements for home instruction](#) in PWCS. Additional guidance is available in the [Home Instruction Handbook](#) from the Virginia Department of Education.

Specialty Programs

PWCS offers two types of site-specific programs: Specialty and Career and Technical Education (CTE).

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:

(include but not limited to the following)

- The Center for Biotechnology and Engineering
- Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
- Center for International Studies and Languages

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

(include but not limited to the following)

- Cyber Security
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Welding

VIRGINIA REGIONAL ACADEMIC-YEAR GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL:

- The Governor's School at Innovation Park

- Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

TRANSPORT PROGRAMS:

- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Practical Nursing

BASE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

For full details regarding high school specialty program offerings, view the [High School Program Opportunities Information Guide](#) (PDF) and the high school specialty program [webpage](#). For information on middle school specialty opportunities view the [Middle School Program Opportunities Information Brochure](#) (PDF) and [webpage](#).

Details regarding the application process, timelines, and procedures for specialty programs are available in regulation [630.02-1](#).

Graduation Requirements

The Virginia Board of Education sets forth graduation requirements and diploma options for students based upon the year a student enters ninth grade for the first time. In accordance with School Board Policy 662, "Graduation Requirements," PWCS shall follow the rules and regulations stipulated for graduation. Students who satisfy all the requirements specified for their diploma option will be deemed graduates of PWCS and shall be eligible to earn their diploma. View the [Graduation Requirements Quick Guides](#) for additional information on each diploma option.

TRANSFERS DURING SENIOR YEAR

In some cases, military students may experience a school transition during their senior year possibly impacting their eligibility for graduation. The following guidance is provided in the Interstate Compact:

Transfers during senior year – There may be cases in which a military student transferring at the beginning or during his or her senior year is ineligible to graduate from the receiving LEA after all alternatives have been considered. In such cases the sending and receiving LEA's shall ensure the receipt of a diploma from the sending LEA, if the student meets the graduation requirements of the sending LEA. In the event that one of the states in question is not a member of this compact, the member state shall use best efforts to facilitate on-time graduation of the student.

Below are additional resources on facilitating on-time graduation for military transfer students.

[Providing Flexibility to Military Transfer Students to Facilitate On-Time Graduation](#)

[Alternate Provisions for Military Transfer Students to Meet Graduation Requirements](#)
[Flexibility in Health and Physical Education Requirements to Facilitate On-Time Graduation for All Transfer Students](#)

<http://www.pwcs.edu/cms/One.aspx?portalId=340225&pageId=2683184>