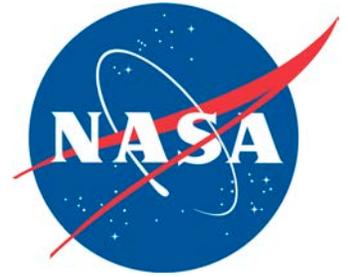


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NASA PARTNERS WITH VA. GOVERNOR SCHOOL TO INSPIRE NEXTGEN

HAMPTON, Va. – NASA Langley Research Center and the Governor's School for Science and Technology (GSST) have signed a space act agreement providing gifted students the opportunity for hands-on experience and guidance in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) with the goal of inspiring future explorers, scientists and engineers.

Founded in 1985, GSST is one of 19 Governor's Schools in Virginia that serve as regional magnet programs for gifted students. Participating students are selected from 21 Virginia high schools within seven divisions: Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Williamsburg-James City County, York County, Gloucester County, and Isle of Wight County.

The partnership will allow next generation students the opportunity to interact with and be mentored by NASA Langley researchers on STEM projects to expand education and knowledge through mentored projects and activities. In support of NASA Langley's STEM education mission, researchers will assist students with college-level work and provide information about NASA's vision, mission, programs and projects.

"NASA welcomes the opportunity to strengthen our partnership with the Governor's School to provide rich educational experiences for our future workforce," said Monica Barnes, NASA Langley education partnership development manager.

GSST operates under the New Horizons Regional Education Center, which was created to meet industry needs for a skilled workforce and student needs for technical training. New Horizons Regional Education Center is Virginia's oldest and largest multi-campus regional education center. The center serves 1,505 high school students in all programs, 24 pre-school daycare students, and approximately 1,200 adults.

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