

PRIME

Professional Related Intern/Mentorship Experience

Summer 2024



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Introductions

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What is PRIME?

PRIME is an internship program for APS students who have been identified for gifted services and/or have completed at least one year in a CTE class with the expectation to continue to the next level.

It is designed to provide students with an opportunity to be placed as interns in professional organizations that relate to their fields of interest.

Students are assigned a mentor with whom they spend 140 hours during the summer for credit.



Who is a good candidate for PRIME?

- Are you enrolled in Arlington Public Schools?
- Are you in 10th or 11th grade this year?
- Will you be 16 by July 8, 2024?
- Have you completed a CTE (career and technical education) course and are planning to complete the sequence? Or...
- Have you been identified for gifted services?
- Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to spend part of your summer?

...if YES then PRIME is for you!



Where does PRIME take place?

PRIME Summer Program homebase is the Arlington Career Center at 816 S. Walter Reed Drive.

While your internships will take place 4 days/week at your internship site, all PRIME students will spend 1 additional day/week at the Arlington Career Center for collaborative learning and career exploration.

APS transportation is not provided for this program so you will need to find your way to both your internship site and to the Arlington Career Center.



Example PRIME Internship Experiences

- Engineering
- Architecture
- Legal - Courthouse
- Medical
- T.V. Production
- Education
- Writing/Reporting
- Technology
- Public Information
- Design/Construction
- Music
- Animal-Vet Tech
- Computer Science
- ...and more!



When does PRIME occur?

This year's PRIME session will occur Monday through Friday from July 8 - Aug 2.

Your attendance is required.

If you predict attendance conflicts or issues please let us know prior to completing your PRIME application so that we can assist and advise.

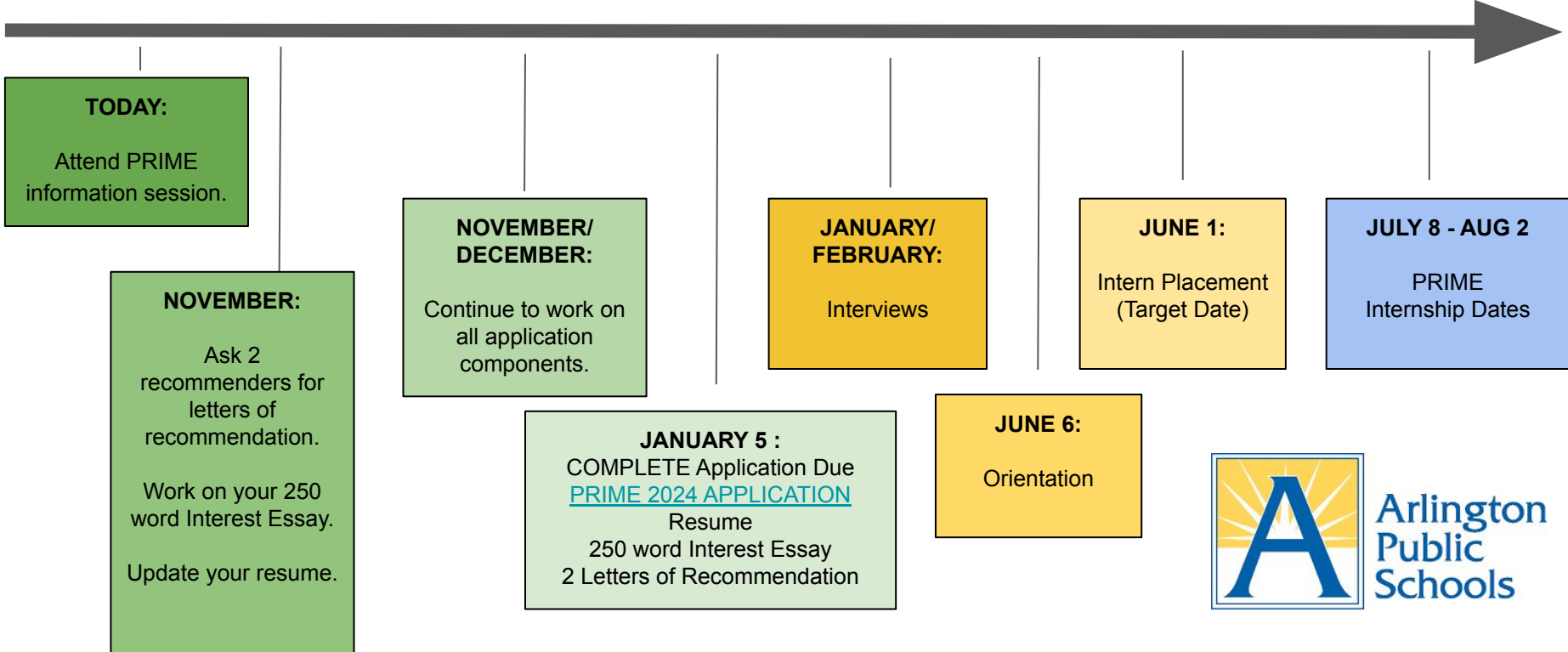


Why should you do PRIME?

1. It is fun!
2. You will meet new friends and make new connections.
3. It affords you a real-world working experience in a field of your interest.
4. You can earn 1.0 (Pass/Fail) elective credit hours toward your graduation requirements. Upon completion, the credit will appear on your transcript.
5. You can earn internship hours toward your Capstone project (AT Students)
6. It's a great resume-builder and contributes to your post-secondary portfolio!



PRIME Candidate Next Steps



What does a “COMPLETE” PRIME Application Look Like

1. Candidate has completed the PRIME Application form linked [HERE](#)
2. Candidate has emailed their resume to prime.program@apsva.us
3. Candidate has emailed their 250 word interest essay to prime.program@aspva.us
4. Candidate has emailed their 2 letters of recommendation to prime.program@apsva.us

...upon receipt of a “COMPLETE” PRIME application (all 4 components above) candidate will be contacted to arrange for an interview.



PRIME Interest Essay & Recommendation Tips

PRIME Interest Essay (250 words)

- Why are you interested in the PRIME program?
- What makes you a good candidate for the PRIME program?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
- Anything else we should know about you?
- 250 word minimum (typed)
- Interest essay must be emailed to prime.program@apsva.us

PRIME Recommendations (2)

- Two recommendation letters required
- Can be a teacher, coach, employer, mentor, supervisor, etc.
- Cannot be a family member
- Letters of recommendation must be emailed to:
prime.program@apsva.us



PRIME Intern Expectations

- ❑ Interns will work with PRIME staff to establish an appropriate internship placement
- ❑ Interns will document PRIME activities (internship, field trips, etc.)
- ❑ Interns will maintain weekly presence on the interactive, reflective blog
- ❑ Interns will participate in group activities with other PRIME interns and staff
- ❑ Interns will prepare a short essay about internship experience to share with peers and staff
- ❑ Interns will complete a survey in August at the conclusion of PRIME
- ❑ PRIME 1.0 Elective credit will be reflected on students' transcripts within the first few weeks of the school year.



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