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Thanks for the links. In response to your last e-mail here is historical information on the regional center now known as the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies, including the period when the program was housed at Thomas Jefferson High School.

While the Governor's School for Government and International Studies has always accepted students from several Richmond-area school divisions, it originally was reported as a "school" by Richmond Public Schools, was designated by VDOE as School #3103 and reported fall membership until the fall 1999.

The reported membership prior to 2000 included only the Richmond students attending the school; students from other divisions attending the school were included in the membership of schools in their home divisions.

Similarly, the SOL scores of non-Richmond students attending the Richmond Governor's School were attributed to the schools where they were included in membership.

VDOE has membership data online going back to 1996:

* Richmond reported fall membership for the Richmond Governor's School in 1996:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/dbpubs/Fall_Membership/1996/mis123.html

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* Richmond DID NOT report fall membership for the Richmond Governor's School in 2000 (or subsequent years):

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/dbpubs/Fall_Membership/2000/fm_sch_gr_race_gender.xls

The Richmond Governor's School — School #3103 — was last included in the Standards of Quality funding model as a school during the 2000-2002 biennium based on 1999 baseline data.

Since 2000, the Governor's School for Government and International Studies has been designated as a regional center and, as such, has not reported membership. In addition all student assessment data — including data of students living in the City of Richmond — has been attributed to schools where students are included in membership.

VDOE reported SOL scores for students in membership at the Governor's School for 1998, 1999 and 2000. The following accreditation ratings were provided:

- * In 1998-1999, all schools in the commonwealth were rated as Provisionally Accredited.

- * In 1999-2000, the Richmond Governor's School was rated as Fully Accredited based on the achievement in 1998-1999 of the Richmond students counted in membership.

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- * In 2001-2002, the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School (now a regional center) did not receive an accreditation rating as the achievement of all students was attributed to the schools where they were included in membership.

The number and percentage of students attending academic-year regional Governor's School programs are reported on page 2 of the online report cards for high schools:

<https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/reportcard/>

Decisions about the opening and closing of schools and centers are made by local school divisions. More information may be available from Richmond Public Schools and the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School.