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# The January 2024 Happenings

Your source for all gifted and talented events happening locally, throughout Colorado, and beyond!

*The Happenings* provides access to a variety of online and in-person events, the latest news, articles, and books about gifted education, recorded videos and webinars, and internet resources to help you support children who are gifted. *The Happenings* is shared with all members of CAGT and anyone connected with a CAGT Affiliate organization. CAGT members also receive *The Kaleidoscope*, a quarterly periodical with articles of interest about the world of gifted education. Be sure to check out our website for more resources and up-to-date information about our online events and our conference. Enjoy!

## What's Happening in January? Notes

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### Live Events

#### Let's Talk 2E

##### Jeffco GT Dept: Let's Talk 2E

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*"Twice-exceptional students are difficult to identify and support because they possess the characteristics of gifted students and the characteristics of students with disabilities. Gifted characteristics may mask disabilities, or disabilities may mask gifted potential; either students' strengths, disabilities, or both may not be identified. This difficulty in identifying and supporting twice-exceptional students can put them at risk of having their academic or social-emotional needs misunderstood or go unnoticed."* (Colorado Department of Education website)

Please join Jeffco's 2e specialist Tina Glass and GT SELC Casey Gardner for a discussion on how to identify and support the unique needs of our 2e students.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Tuesday, January 9th.

## Special Invitation for Parents with Children on the Autism Spectrum:

Are you a parent, guardian, or family member of a child who is on the Autism Spectrum? Is navigating Autism a new journey for you, or have you been on this journey for a while? Are you looking for more connections and to find other parents who "get it"? Is your child in the Gifted and Talented program and identified as Twice Exceptional (2e)? Me too! My name is Allison Jussel and I am a Jeffco parent of 3 kids, one of which is on the Autism Spectrum.

Our family has been on the Autism journey for almost 8 years now. We have experienced several years of therapy, social skills groups, conferences, and events. We have participated in everything we can to provide the best tools for our son. However, through all of this, I have been missing something important; a community of families who have a child or family member with Autism within Jeffco Public Schools.

While I have built important relationships with families whose kids are in other school districts, and our connection has been a vital support, there are differences between how our school districts handle referrals. I believe building connections within the Jeffco community would help with finding local resources, connecting through school experiences, event recommendations, specialist referrals, and so much more.

With the support of Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children (JAGC) and the Jeffco GT Department, I am looking for families in Jeffco interested in participating in a parent group to support and connect with. The most important part is your feedback to help make an Autism Parent/Support Group successful. If this interests you, your thoughts and input regarding what you are looking for to help make this a success are key.

If you would like to connect with other Jeffco parents with Autistic children, please contact JAGC at [info@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:info@jeffcogifted.org) and they will forward your information to me to help organize an Autism Parent/Support Group. I look forward to embarking on this journey with you!

- Allison

### JAGC Townhall – Early Access

Join JAGC and Jeffco GT Department to discuss how students qualify for Early Access. The purpose of early access is to identify and serve the few highly advanced gifted children who require comprehensive academic acceleration. Find more about Jeffco's Early Access process [here](#).

Wednesday, January 17, 2024  
6:00-7:00 pm

Virtual – Updated information and Zoom Link will be posted on [JAGC's Events webpage](#) when available.

### Nancy Hertzog: Igniting Creative and Critical Thinking in Early Childhood Classrooms

*Sponsored by Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education and Talent Development*

Virtual webinar focused on learning environments designed to entice creativity and higher level thinking.

Cost: Free

Saturday, January 20, 2024  
11:00am (Eastern)

[Click here to register and for more information](#)

### CAGT Legislative Day

Students in grades 9-12 apply to spend a day at the Colorado State Capitol shadowing a state legislator, attending a special keynote speaker presentation, and participating in a Q&A with legislators from both sides of the aisle.

Cost: \$40 per person

January 21 application deadline

[Click here to apply and for more information](#)

### Book Study: Raising Gifted Children

*Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT*

Join author and local counselor, Catherine Zakoian, to discuss her book, Raising Gifted Children: A Practical Guide for Parents Facing Big Emotions and Big Potential.

Cost: Free

Location: Louisville Public Library, Louisville, CO

Sundays, January 21 and 28, 2024

[Click here for more information \(space is limited\)](#)

### Celebrate GATE Night: Family Passion Projects

*Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: LARA and Canon City Schools GATE*

Join this in-person workshop with nationally recognized gifted educator, author, and speaker Andi McNair. We will learn about Family Passion Projects and how to create them with your family.

Cost: Free

Location: Canon City High School Auditorium

Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
6:00pm

[Click here to view the flyer for more information](#)



# Conversations with CAGT

*Conversations with CAGT* provides timely, relevant topics by preeminent local, national, and international specialists in the field of gifted education! CWC programs premier on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** at 5:00 pm MST on Facebook Live. [Check out past \*Conversations with CAGT\* programs on our website](#), where you may rewatch past videos anytime! *Conversations with CAGT* is an incredible opportunity to get expert advice on topics regarding giftedness for FREE with time to ask your questions. Questions from CAGT members get priority!

Click the Facebook link below to access *Conversations with CAGT*.



Tuesday, January 2nd

*No event due to winter holiday season!*

**Tuesday, January 16th: Emily Andrews**

"Giftedness in Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Creativity"



## CAGT Legislative Day 2024

**Legislative Day 2024 at the Capitol: Celebrating Excellence** will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

This will be the 25th year of providing this unique opportunity for 9th-12th grade students and adults to experience firsthand how state government works. Students will shadow a legislator and learn about the legislative process through a Q&A session with legislators from both sides of the aisle and a Keynote speaker. [Click here to get more information about the day](#), the criteria needed to apply and for registration.

Cost: \$40 per person

Application deadline: **January 21, 2024**

### Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night Presentation

Videos on the following topics will be available starting January 19, 2024:

- ABCs of ALPs (Advanced Learning Plans)
- Early Access
- Executive Function
- Identification in Jeffco After CogAT
- Secondary GT Programming Options
- Social Emotional Needs of Gifted Children

The format will be asynchronous as these topics will be pre-recorded and available starting on 1/19/24.

Families can view the sessions they choose and follow up with any additional questions for our presenters on 1/24/24 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Friday, January 19, 2024 Videos will become available for viewing before

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 Questions for presenters  
6:00-7:00 pm

Virtual – [Find more information here.](#)

### **Gifted and Talented Family Night with Andi McNair**

*Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: LARA*

Come listen to a presentation by gifted educator Andi McNair around how to create meaningful experiences with your gifted child.

Location: Pueblo East High School, Pueblo, CO  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024  
7:00pm

[Click here for a flyer with more information](#)

### **CU Wizards and Professor Paul Beale Presents: "Much Ado About Absolute Zero!"**

In-person event for students ages K-12 sponsored by the University of Colorado-Boulder

Saturday, January 27, 2024  
9:30-10:30am

Location: University of Colorado-Boulder  
Duane Physics G1B30

Cost: Free

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Explore Program**

*Sponsored by the Davidson Institute*

The Explore program offers full-year middle school courses modeled off of expectations at middle school Davidson Academy Online courses. Each week, selected students engage in one hour live-sessions with Davidson Institute teachers.

Cost: tuition fees apply

January 31 application deadline

[Click here to apply and for more information](#)



## **Imagine, Believe, Grow! Virtual Conference**

CAGT is excited to bring you the virtual piece of our 2023 Conference! This event provides the opportunity for you to view and learn from 30+ recordings from our fall conference **Imagine, Believe, Grow!** Select from four different series to suit your needs! Each series caters to different topics that pertain to gifted learners:

Series 1: Assessment/Identification

Series 2: Classroom Practice

Series 3: Social/Emotional

Series 4: Special Populations/2e

Each series is priced individually at \$80. For each additional series you purchase, you'll receive a discounted price. If you choose to purchase all four series, you'll also receive a free CAGT membership (a \$40 value which includes the monthly *Happenings*, the quarterly *Kaleidoscope* and more!). If you attended the 2023 in-person Conference this past fall, then your access to the recordings is FREE!

7.5 hours of professional development credit is available per series.

[Click here to register](#)

## **Advocacy Toolkit**

It is especially important to be an advocate for our gifted and advanced learners in Colorado! Effective advocacy is more than just being passionate about gifted education; it is knowing how to convey your message without alienating those who influence the decision-making process.

[Visit CAGT's Advocacy Toolkit resource page to learn more.](#)

### Jeffco GT Department & JAGC

#### **Parent Discussion of the Gifted/2e Journey**

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Please join us as we watch a 45-minute video from Conversations with CAGT "[The Gifted/2e Journey: The Parent's Perspective](#)" presented by Dr. Karen Arnstein. Afterwards representatives from Jeffco's Gifted and Talented Department and JAGC will facilitate a discussion about the video.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

6:00 – 7:30pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Monday, February 26th.

#### Jeffco GT Department's Parent/Family Night Presentation TBD

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - Please check [JAGC's Events webpage](#) for updated information and RSVP links.

#### Jeffco GT Dept: Gifted Students and Underachievement

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Do you have a child who performs lower than their capabilities in school? Please read these articles and come discuss strategies for addressing underachievement.

[Combating Underachievement in Gifted Students Through Social-Emotional Training and Development](#)

[Underachievement in Gifted Students Avoiding, Reversing & Handling Underachievement in Gifted Students](#)

Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm

Virtual - [RSVP](#) - Google Meet Link will be sent out Wednesday, March 13th.



### In the News & GT Articles

["Whose Got Talent for Identifying Diverse Talent?"](#) (Thomas Fordham Institute)

["Dysregulated Students Need Regulated Adults"](#) (ASCD)

["We Barely Talk About Giftedness Until it's Our Professional Choice"](#) (Gifted Professionals and Communicators)

# CAGT Affiliates

Interested in learning more about CAGT and the work we do to support gifted and talented youth, their parents and educators? [Join CAGT](#) and reach out to an Affiliate organization in your area to get involved!

*Adams County:* Adams 12 GT Parent Group (AD12 GTPG [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

*Boulder County:* Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented (BVGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

*Colorado Springs, Fort Carson and Fountain:* Pikes Peak Association for Gifted Students (PPAGS [Facebook](#))

*Denver:* Denver Association for Gifted and Talented (DAGT [Facebook](#))

*Douglas County:* Douglas County Association for Gifted and Talented (DCAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

*Eastern Plains:* Eastern Central Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (ECCAGT [Facebook](#))

*Fremont, Custer, Pueblo:* Lower Arkansas River Affiliate (LARA CAGT [website](#))

*Jefferson County:* Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children (JAGC [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

*Northeast BOCES and Sterling:* Northeast CAGT (NECAGT [website](#))

*South Metro including Sheridan, Englewood, Littleton and Centennial:*

South Metro CAGT (SoMe CAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

*Southwest Colorado including Bayfield, Ignacio, Mancos, Cortez, Dolores, and Durango:* Southwest Gifted and Talented Community (SWGTC [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

*Summit County:* Summit Advocates for Gifted Education (SAGE [website](#) and [Facebook](#))

“When Gifted Kids Burnout: How to Support Twice-Exceptional Students” (ADDitude)

“Rural Students Face Persistent Barriers to Counselors and Gifted Programming” (K-12 DIVE)

“Increasing Access to Advanced Coursework in Washington” (The Education Trust)

“Managing Year-End Stress for Gifted Kids and Their Families” (Psychology Today)



## Recorded Media & Resources

“Autistic Comedian Makes Neurodiversity a Laughing Matter” (ABC News Australia)

“Understanding, Supporting and Advocating for Your Twice Exceptional (inner) Child” (Gifted Unleashed Podcast)

“How Can We Better Support Gifted Learners? With Dr. Brian Houssand” (What I Want to Know Video Podcast)

“Dabrowski’s Theory in Practice: Emma Nicholson, Chris Wells and Patricia Gatto-Walden” (Positive Disintegration Podcast)

“Identifying Characteristics of Gifted Students at Risk of Exclusion” (UT Austin Gear Up Professional Development)

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## Links

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If you would like for your gifted and talented event information to be included in The Happenings, then email your event information by the 20th of each month to Molly Gibney at [cagtmolly@gmail.com](mailto:cagtmolly@gmail.com).

# LEGISLATION

## Stay in the Know about Colorado Gifted Education Legislation!

Visit the [CAGT website](#) to read about state and federal legislation, past and current bills that have impacted gifted education and a continually updated link to legislation from this year’s session. CAGT will work to keep you informed of bills that will not only benefit all children, but also those that address the specific needs of our gifted students.

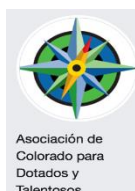
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