



JAGC March 2026 Newsletter

Jeffco Parents Encouraging Parents Conference

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Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Bear Creek High School

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Participants MUST register as space is limited.

[JPEP Web Page and Registration](#)

JAGC's Summer Programs List

[JAGC's list of summer programs](#)

This listing offers a breakdown by age.

JAGC Elections

[JAGC Nominations for our Board are open April 6th-May 4th](#)

Please join our board to help gifted children in Jeffco! We are looking for parents, Jeffco Public School's staff, and community members to help JAGC support the needs of gifted children in Jeffco. Our organization works closely with Jeffco's GT Department. We bring awareness to our community regarding issues facing our gifted children through our monthly newsletter. We have also helped to shape legislation regarding gifted education.

Please join us and be a voice for not only your gifted child, or gifted children you know, but for all gifted children in Jeffco. Find more information and an application on our [2026 Election](#) webpage. Nominations are being accepted April 6th – May 4th, 2026.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@jeffcogifted.org for more information.

Jeffco GT Department Events

GT Office Hours for Parents

Do you have questions about GT? We are here to help! Announcing GT department office hours, where you can speak with GT Resource Teachers, Social and Emotional Learning Counselors, and GT department administration. Please see [their website](#) for more information and to complete the [short registration](#) form in order to get a link to participate virtually.

Here are the remaining scheduled office hours for the 2025-26 school year:

4/21 (Tuesday) 5-6 pm
5/13 (Wednesday) 4-5 pm

Early Access

[Early Access Process](#) - To meet the needs of highly advanced children who have not yet entered kindergarten, Jeffco Public Schools may grant early entrance to school for highly advanced gifted children, with a body of evidence at or above the 97th percentile, who do not meet the age requirements outlined in [Board Policy JEB](#).

The [application](#) is open January 5, 2026 - April 1, 2026 at 4pm.

Ways to Engage

[JAGC Parent Support Meetings](#)

[Parent/Guardian Group for Those with Gifted Children on the Autism Spectrum in Jeffco Schools](#)

Upcoming Events

Note: These events are intended to provide a wide array of information that readers may find helpful. In an effort to bring breadth of information, JAGC does not necessarily endorse or support opinions presented. JAGC also does not endorse, approve for services, or recommend any specific program mentioned.

JAGC Parent Support Meetings - We Want to Hear from You!

We are reimagining our traditional board meetings to encourage time for any Jeffco parent to join us and ask questions, or just need a space to find support for their GT and/or 2e child(ren). JAGC Board members will meet from 4:30-5:15pm and then from 5:15-6:00pm will be an open forum for any parents that want to join us. This is a great time for you to meet us and let us know how we can help support you and your child(ren). We are looking forward to having you join us and to partner with you to help your GT/2e journey be successful!

If you have additional questions, please email us directly at info@jeffcogifted.org. If meeting in-person is not an option for you, we can set up an online meeting to ensure we are able to support you.

2nd Tuesday of the month Sept. 9th, Oct. 14th, Nov. 11th, Dec. 9th, Jan. 13th, Feb. 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th, and June 9th (if needed). Please check our [website](#) for updates.

Jeffco Education Center, Room 2A
1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, CO 80401
4:30-5:15pm JAGC Board Meeting (all are welcome)
5:15-6:30pm Open Forum for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers
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CU Wizards: "Plastics! The Past, Present & Future of Plastic Recyclability"

Presented by: Professor Wei Zhang

Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:30am - 10:30am

Cristol Chemistry 140

University of Colorado, Boulder

Free

For over 4 decades, CU Wizards family shows allow K-12 students to visit campus on a Saturday morning, participate in STEAM programs, meet and talk to professors, scientists, & fellow students of all ages who are curious about the natural world!

CU Wizards shows...always FREE, always fun...check out the [CU Wizards website](#).

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If you ever have questions about anything in our newsletters, or any questions about gifted & talented, always feel free to contact us at info@JeffcoGifted.org. We are parents helping parents and have many resources to help you advocate for your child(ren).





Happenings March 2026

Check out what's *HAPPENING* in our new format!

Note: CAGT does not endorse individuals, organizations or companies. The information included in this publication is for informational purposes only.

NAGC Hill Day*

March 19th

An in-person gathering and training session, followed by Capitol Hill visits where you'll meet with legislators and staff to share your stories, expertise, and passion for gifted education.

Location: Washington D.C.

Cost: \$180.00

Giftedness and Twice-Exceptionality in Children and Teens: Clinical Considerations and Interventions

In this clinician-focused training, participants explore how gifted/2e developmental trajectories shape mental health, identity development, and relationships.

March 30, 5:00 pm EDT

Location: Online

Cost: \$40

Black Educators' Network and UCCS - Building STEAMMM through Literacy

10 a. m to 2 p.m., April 18th, 2026

Click [here](#) to register after March 20th.

[B.E.N. scholarship information](#)

Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth (MITY) Summer Enrichment Program

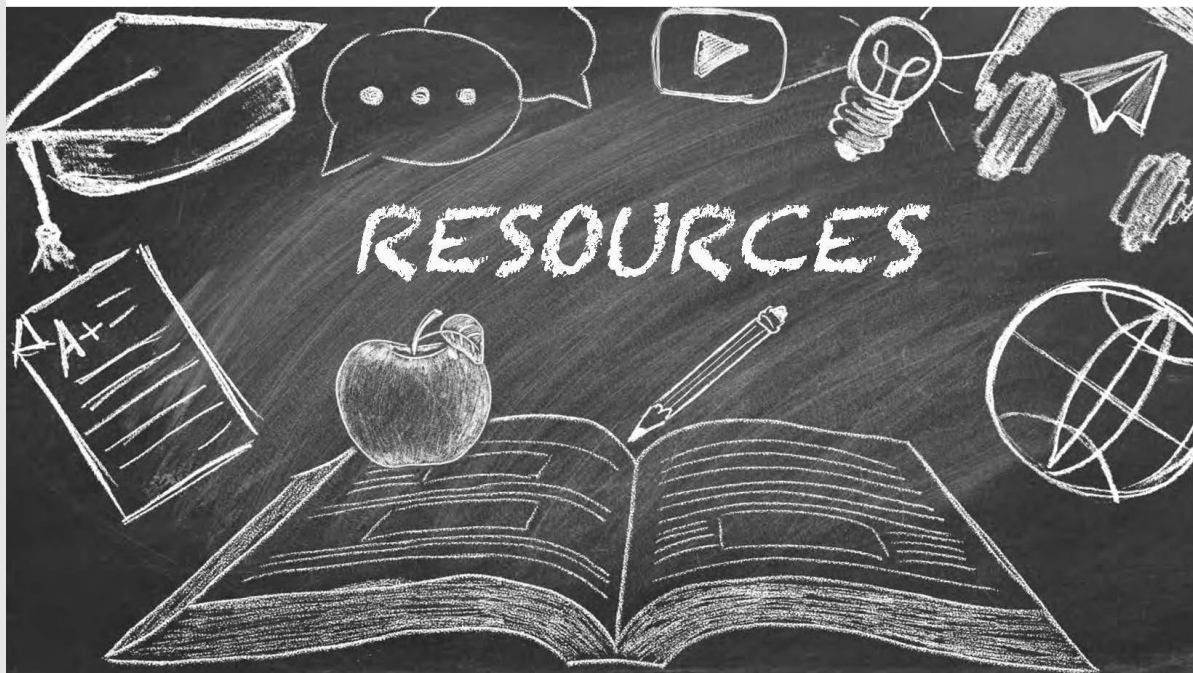
Summer of 2026

The MITY high school program, Expand Your Mind, offers academic enrichment, the opportunity to experience life on a college campus, and a way to connect with peers who share common interests.

Click [here](#) for flyer.

There are no affiliate events to share this month. Please see our "Affiliate Corner" below for contact information and to see what is going on in your corner of Colorado.

**CAGT will be represented on Capitol Hill by our Executive Director, Nanette Jones and President Elect, Paula McGuire.*



Check here each month for current articles, blog posts, and research from the field:

[Please Stop Shaming Gifted Children and Their Families](#) - A Psychologist's Perspective

[Twice Exceptional Students with Autism: Self-Perceptions of Talents and Disabilities](#) - Education Sciences

[Neuroscience of Giftedness: Larger Regional Brain Volume](#) - Davidson Institute

[Can Giftedness Mask Dyslexia?](#) - Eurasia Review



Conversations with CAGT

Season 6 is here! The first Tuesday of each month, CAGT will release a newly recorded conversation. This month, our conversation is with Emily Kircher Morris. Click on the title below to access the YouTube recording.

[Sidekick Wanted: High-Ability Kids and the Friendships They Want/Need](#)

Social relationships for high-ability children and teens can sometimes be difficult to manage. Emotional intensity and advanced cognitive development can make it hard for some kids to develop the deep and meaningful peer relationships that they desire, leaving them feeling frustrated and lonely. What are the causes of this disconnect? How can parents support and coach their child through these stages? Does bullying impact high-potential learners more than other children?



[Here is a link to CAGT's website with Spanish resources. Check it out!](#)

LEGISLATION

Legislative Day 2026 was a success! 9th-12th grade students spent the day at the Capitol shadowing Colorado legislators, attending committee meetings and having lunch with legislators and their aides.



The 4th year of Universal Screening Qualified Personnel (USQP) grant funding is in progress, and will be solidified by the end of April. Currently, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has written this increase into the budget per the statute requiring five years of funding increases for USQP, which was passed in 2023.

Affiliate Corner

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

Adams County: A12GTPG [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

Boulder County: BVGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

Colorado Springs, Fort Carson and Fountain: PPAGS [Facebook](#)

Denver: DAGT [Facebook](#)

Douglas County: DCAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

Fremont, Custer, Pueblo: LARA CAGT [website](#)

Jefferson County: JAGC [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

South Metro including Sheridan, Englewood, Littleton and Centennial: SoMe CAGT [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

Summit County: SAGE [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

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