



JAGC November 2025 Newsletter

Jeffco GT Department's GT Gazette

Find out what's going on in Jeffco Schools for gifted students and their families in [Jeffco GT Department's GT Gazette](#).

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 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

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).



Parent/Guardian Group

For Those with Children on the Autism Spectrum,
Whether Formally Identified or Not,
in Jeffco Public Schools

Having a Twice Exceptional (2e – gifted with a disability) child can be incredibly challenging to navigate. There is no linear path to help your child and can often feel overwhelming and lonely. Our group primarily consists of parents in Jeffco with student(s) who are Gifted & Talented (GT) and on the Autism Spectrum. If you have a 2e child, whether or not they have been identified as being on the Autism Spectrum, you are welcome to join our group and share your journey. This group was created with the aspiration of finding and connecting families to help them know that they are not alone and to expand on our community. We are currently a group of 20 families who started meeting earlier in 2024 through online, in person, and at social gatherings. This has allowed us to really get to know each other and to exchange ideas and stories on what is working and what isn't. We also have had guest speakers that are experts in their field to help our parents with any questions they may have. Connection is key and this group helps navigate the journey that is 2e. If you are interested in joining this group, please reach out to info@jeffcogifted.org. Your email will be forwarded to Allison Jussel and she will contact you to share more information. We would love for you to join us and to help grow this wonderful community!

Upcoming Events

CU Wizards: ZAPP! Electricity & Magnetism

CU Wizards November Show!

Presented by: Professor Daniel Bolton

Saturday, November 15, 2025

9:30am - 10:30am

Duane Physics G1B30

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](#).

[Jeffco GT Department: 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 (SELCS), 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 is the schedule for office hours for the 2025-26 school year:

12/11 (Thursday) 4-5 pm
1/14 (Wednesday) 5-6 pm
2/9 (Monday) 4-5 pm
3/12 (Thursday) 5-6 pm
4/21 (Tuesday) 5-6 pm
5/13 (Wednesday) 4-5 pm

[Jeffco GT Department Book Clubs](#)

Jeffco GT Social Emotional Learning Counselors will be holding book clubs with the following books:

[Living With Intensity](#) Edited by Susan Daniels and Michael M. Piechowski

Gifted children and adults are often misunderstood. Their excitement is viewed as excessive, their high energy as hyperactivity, their persistence as nagging, their imagination as not paying attention, their passion as being disruptive, their strong emotions and sensitivity as immaturity, and their creativity and self-directedness as oppositional. *Living With Intensity* describes these overexcitabilities, as well as strategies for dealing with children and adults who experience them. It also provides essential information on Dabrowski's Theory of Positive Disintegration. Learn practical methods for nurturing sensitivity, intensity, perfectionism, and much more.

6 Tuesday nights in-person

Beginning on Tuesday 1/13/26 through Tuesday 2/17/26

5:30-6:30 pm

Location: Westridge Elementary 10785 W Alamo Pl, Littleton, CO 80127

[If This is a Gift, Can I Send it Back?](#) by Jen Merrill

When you're living in the land of the gifted and twice exceptional, Jen Merrill, author of her latest book, *If This is a Gift, Can I Send it Back?: Surviving in the Land of the Gifted and Twice Exceptional*. Join Jen on her journey through discovery, understanding, and acceptance, as she copes with the challenges that only the gifted and twice exceptional can create. So, pull up a chair, get a cup of tea, and start reading. You'll swear Jen's written about you!

Virtual

This book study will begin in February on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm.

[More information to come.](#)

Check out JAGC's [Events](#) page for updates.



The Happenings

Your source for all gifted and talented events and news happening in Colorado and beyond!

What's Happening in November 2025?

Note:

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Events

Curriculum & Coffee Chat with the Curriculum Studies Network

November 3rd

Sponsored by NAGC

6:00 PM ET

Join the NAGC Curriculum Studies Network to collaborate with fellow educators in our monthly discussion on gifted education, hosted by the Network Chair and Chair-Elect.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

Boulder Valley Gifted & Talented (BVGT) Family Board Game Night

November 7th

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: BVGT

5:00-7:30pm

Join Boulder Valley Gifted & Talented for a fun, casual evening of games, food, and connection! We'll have a variety of board and card games for all ages to enjoy. Board game play is free; the pickleball courts will also be open for paid play. Relish offers a great selection of food and drinks for purchase for anyone who'd like to eat.



CAGT Student Talent Video

Students in grades K-12 throughout Colorado were invited to create a Tik-Tok style video (about 20 seconds long) showing off their amazing talent! The best videos were compiled into this student talent video showcase that was shown at this year's CAGT Conference!

[Click here to watch the video!](#)



Immediate Action Needed:

Urge Congress to Restore Javits Program Funding

We need your voice now more than ever!

Funding for the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Student Education Program — a lifeline for research, innovation, and equity in gifted education — has not been reinstated in the FY26 federal budget proposal.

The Javits Gifted and Talented Student Education Program is the only federal funding program specifically focused on supporting gifted and talented learners. Losing this important funding would be a significant step backward for the field of gifted and talented education.

[Click here to contact your member of Congress now!](#)

No need to register—just come by and have fun with other BVGT families!

Location: Relish Food Hall, 550 McCaslin Blvd,
Louisville
Cost: Free

**Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children
Parent Support Meeting**

November 11th

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: JAGC

5:15-6:00pm

The JAGC Board invites 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).

Location: Jeffco Education Center, Room 2A, 1829
Denver West Dr., Golden, CO
Cost: Free

**Behind the Mask: Understanding Anxiety,
Perfectionism, and Masking in 2e Kids**

November 12th

Sponsored by REEL

7:00-8:30pm PT

In this candid and compassionate talk, therapist and autism coach Rainn Stone and neurodivergent educator Jamie Roberts will unpack the hidden struggles behind masking and perfectionism in 2e children. Drawing from lived experience and years of working with neurodivergent youth and families, Rainn and Jamie will help parents understand what's really going on beneath the surface—and how to respond with support, not shame.

Location: Zoom (virtual)
Cost: \$20 donation requested

Could Your Child Be Gifted?

November 13th

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: DAGT

7:00-7:45pm

This online session will be offered in English and Spanish simultaneously and will discuss the common characteristics of gifted students. All parents, guardians, caregivers and educators who want to learn more about giftedness are invited to attend!

Location: Virtual - [registration required](#)
Cost: Free



“The Happenings” en Español

Los niños superdotados invisibles o el “yo no lo veo”

Muchos niños con altas capacidades pasan desapercibidos porque no encajan en la imagen tradicional del “alumno brillante”. En este artículo, la psicóloga Olga Carmona reflexiona sobre la falta de detección y las consecuencias de no reconocer el potencial de estos estudiantes. Una lectura imprescindible para entender por qué la visibilidad y el acompañamiento temprano son claves en la educación de los superdotados.

[Enlace al artículo](#)

Niños doblemente excepcionales: Brillantes y a la vez con desafíos (Child Mind Institute)

Algunos niños son prodigios en áreas como las matemáticas, la escritura o la música. Otros tienen problemas de aprendizaje como el TDAH, la dislexia o la discalculia, el autismo o dificultades de procesamiento sensorial. Pero también hay niños que encajan en ambas categorías. Se les llama “doblemente excepcionales” o 2e,

[Enlace al artículo](#)

Reiniciar el Talento: Estrategias para Superar el Apagón Académico (Con Talento y Compañía)

Imagina que tu hijo o tu hija, antes fascinado por cada nuevo aprendizaje o descubrimiento, hoy cierra los cuadernos y te dice:

«No pienso estudiar más, no quiero ir a la escuela porque no me sirve para nada».

[Enlace al podcast](#)

NACG Conference
November 13th-16th
Sponsored by NAGC

Invigorate your passion for educating gifted and high-potential students at NAGC25, the National Association of Gifted Children annual conference! You're invited to join more than 2,000 educators, gifted coordinators, psychologists, researchers, and caregivers as they gather to share best practices for supporting high-ability children.
Location: Pittsburg, PA
Cost: varies by registration specifics



Articles, Blogs and Gifted News

["Creating Optimal Conditions for Advanced Learners"](#)
(Advance)

["Developing Resilience in Gifted Students"](#)
(NAGC Blog)

["Expectations When You Are Gifted—Unfair, Unreasonable, Ridiculous!"](#)
(Your Rainforest Mind)

["Why Do Gifted Students Struggle in School?"](#)
(Davidson Academy Blog)

["Helping Gifted Students Cope with Perfectionism"](#)
(Davidson Gifted Blog)

["Most Gifted Students Feel Supported, But One in Three Feel Stigmatized"](#)
(Phys.org)

["What Happens to Gifted Kids When They Grow Up?"](#) (Forbes)

["Education Expert Blames Finland's Neglect of Gifted Students for PISA Rankings Decline"](#)
(Yle)

["The Case for Gifted Education"](#)
(Psychology Today)



Donations

Would you like to help more educators and students attend next year's CAGT Conference? Then, consider donating to CAGT's Scholarships! Each year, CAGT provides scholarship money to selected recipients – including educators, counselors, students, administrators, and gifted advocates – to attend our CAGT Conference. Help us grow the number of people who can benefit from these scholarships by donating today!

[Click here to make your donation!](#)

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["NYC Public Schools' Gifted & Talented Program Takes Center Stage in Mayor's Race."](#)
(CBS News)

["Knox County Board of Education Moves Closer to Formally Changing 'Gifted and Talented' Program"](#)
(WBIR)

["Identifying Hidden Talent: Inclusive Strategies and Activities for Recognizing Potential"](#)
(NAGC)



Podcasts, Videos & Webinars
["Depth and Complexity with Tina Wyman"](#)
(A Meaningful Mess Podcast)

["Finding the Right School for Your Gifted or 2e Child with Dr. Jessica Potts"](#)
(Exceptional Girls Podcast)

["The Gifted Experience: Reframing Emotional Intensity"](#) (NeuroDiversity Podcast)

["Why Is Finishing So Hard? Helping Neurodivergent Kids Cross the Finish Line"](#)
(Raising Lifelong Learners Podcast)

["Educator Sam Young on Reimagining Socializing for Twice-Exceptional Students"](#)
(Full-Tilt Parenting Podcast)

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Links

[CAGT Calendar](#)

[CAGT Affiliates List](#)

[Conference Info](#)

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.

CAGT Affiliates

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: AD12 GTPG [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](#)

Southwest Colorado including Bayfield, Ignacio, Mancos, Cortez, Dolores, and Durango:
SWGTT [website](#) and [Facebook](#)

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

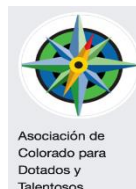
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