



JAGC October 2025 Newsletter

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CDE Gifted & Talented Family Page

The Colorado Department of Education has created a new [Gifted & Talented Family Page](#) with information about Gifted education in Colorado.

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

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!

Jeffco GT Department

Gifted & Talented Center Application

The 2025 [Fall GT Center Testing application](#) window (for the 2026-27 school year) is now open until 4pm on **October 24, 2025**. The application and testing is for GT Center placement for the *2026-27 school year*. Even if you aren't sure if you want to move your child to a GT Center, if they qualify, apply anyway. You can always decline, but you can't accept if you haven't applied. [GT Center Application Flow Chart](#).

[Find out more about Advanced Learning Plans \(ALPs\) here.](#)

If you have questions, attend one of the monthly Jeffco GT Department's [Virtual Office Hours](#). If those don't work for your schedule, reach out to your school's [GT Resource Teacher](#).

Jeffco GT Department Gifted & Talented Identification for an Advanced Learning Plan

If you want to find out if your child qualifies for an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP), meaning they would be identified as Gifted & Talented (GT), and you are sure you want them to remain in their neighborhood school, where roughly 80% of Jeffco's GT students are served, you can use the [GT Identification process](#) where you will fill out a [referral form](#) to get the process started. [GT Identification Application Flowchart](#).

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Upcoming Events

CU Wizards: Halloween Show!

Christopher Marelli's presents:
"The Chemistry of Color!"

Saturday

October 25, 2025

9:30am - 10:30am

Location: Christol Chemistry Room 140, University of Colorado, Boulder

Cost: Free **Kids are invited to attend this program in their Halloween costumes!**

This show will feature favorite, select demonstrations curated and presented by the University of Colorado's Director of Undergraduate Chemistry Laboratories, Christopher Marelli. Colorful, lively demonstrations will inspire and pique the curiosity of young science and nature enthusiasts.

What does Chemistry have to do with colors? What do atoms do when they're excited and then calm again? How can we know more about what stars are made of by looking at their colors? Come find out!

A rare opportunity to see the famous demonstrations that allow students to understand more about the awesome Colors of Chemistry that illuminate the universe!

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:

10/16 (Thursday) 4-5 pm
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

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

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).





CAGT
Colorado Association for
Gifted and Talented

The Happenings

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

What's Happening in October 2025?

Note:

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Events

[Adams 12 GT Parent Group Planning Meeting](#)

October 1st

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: AD12GTPG
6:30-8:00pm

Parents of Adams 12 GT students are welcome to join us for our next planning meeting! We are a group made up entirely of volunteering parents and if you would like to be more involved with the GT Parents Group but are not sure how, this would be a great opportunity to learn more. Let us know you're coming by signing up [HERE](#).

Location: Broomfield Library, 3 Community Park Rd, Broomfield (Eisenhower Meeting Room)

Cost: Free



CAGT Conference: Empowering Change

We invite you to join us for the 47th Annual CAGT Conference, Empowering Change on **October 19th-21st**. This year's theme provides opportunities for us to come together as educators to learn how to help students embrace change and become the change agents for our future. We can't wait!

View the [2025 Conference-at-a-Glance Schedule](#)

for a quick overview of all the fabulous speakers and sessions!

Click [here](#) for the registration link and information about other opportunities and events to attend and enjoy at this year's conference.

Gifted Resilience and Joy: Virtual Community Group

October 2nd through November 13th
Sponsored by *Beyond Giftedness and SENG*

12:00pm every Thursday

Bright minds often carry heavy hearts. This group is intended for bright adults who crave deep conversation, a better world, and a path to sustainable joy.

Location: Virtual / Zoom

Cost: \$200 for 6 week session

GT Family Playground Playdate

October 5th

Sponsored by *CAGT Affiliate: AD12GTPG*

1:00-3:00pm

This social gathering is open to all Adams 12 GT or Talent Pool students, their siblings, and their parents/caregivers. Students and siblings must attend WITH an adult. This is not a drop-off event! [RSVP here](#)

Location: McKay Lake Park, Broomfield, CO 80023

Cost: Free

Musical Hike with David Sutherland

October 5th

Sponsored by *CAGT Affiliate: BVGT*

10:00am – 11:30am

Join naturalist Dave Sutherland to explore ways that composers of classical music have captured the essence of birds in their music. This program is jointly sponsored by Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented, Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra and the Boulder County Audubon Society. Participants will receive a discount code from the Boulder Phil for upcoming concerts. Registration

Link: <https://forms.gle/1hYEnc3rwLMdcrEK8>

Location: East Boulder Recreation Center, 5660 Sioux Dr. Boulder, CO 80303

Cost: Free



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!](#)



“The Happenings” en Español

Niños y niñas doblemente excepcionales: Brillantes y a la vez con desafíos

Este artículo del Child Mind Institute explica la realidad de los niños doblemente excepcionales, aquellos que combinan altas capacidades con otros retos como dificultades de atención o aprendizaje. Se presentan estrategias para apoyar su desarrollo académico y emocional, destacando la importancia de comprender tanto sus talentos como sus desafíos para que puedan prosperar dentro y fuera de la escuela.

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

October 14th

Sponsored by CAGT Affiliate: JAGC
5:15-6:00pm

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

**Weaving Gifted and Language Strategies
to Enrich Multilingual Learners' Academic
Success**

October 21st

Sponsored by NAGC
5:00pm (Eastern)

Explore strategies to scaffold academic enrichment for Multilingual Learners by learning how to build language alongside content. Recognizing characteristics of gifted MLs is the starting point for including high-impact practices that will amplify their learning. Participants will take ready-to-use strategies to their classrooms to strengthen background knowledge and increase academic vocabulary usage through interactive practices.

Location: Virtual

Cost: \$20 for NAGC Members / \$30 for Nonmembers

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**Free Workshops on Unlocking
Hidden Student Talent**

Project EAGLE is offering a one-day interactive workshops in Colorado that equip educators with practical tools and strategies to identify talent in students—especially those from underserved populations.



Who Should Attend

- School Administrators
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Teachers
- Gifted Specialists

Participants will learn an alternative approach for recognizing gifted behaviors in diverse learners and fostering inclusive learning environments that cultivate mathematical potential. Each session blends research-based theory with hands-on practice, ensuring participants leave with strategies they can implement immediately. All workshops are conducted by Project EAGLE trained Colorado educators.

This training may satisfy ML/GT/Math training hours depending upon your district requirements.

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Find a Workshop and Register at
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[Click here for details, pricing and additional information!](#)

SEM in Action: How to Effectively Use Enrichment Strategies

October 22nd

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

Learn about the many ways that the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) can be implemented—as a magnet or charter theme, as an enrichment program for all students, as a program for talented students, and as a method for infusing enrichment into any classroom or learning environment. Keynote by Sally Reis and Joe Renzulli. Registration Opens August 20th and closes October 19th.

Location: Virtual

Cost: \$199

Professor Christopher Marelli's Colors of Chemistry

October 25th

Sponsored by University of Colorado CU Wizards

9:30am - 10:30am

Learn about the magic behind chemistry! This show is open to all students, ages 5-18.

Parents are invited, too!

Location: Cristol Chemistry 140, University of Colorado, Boulder

Cost: Free

Gifted Adults: Introductory Virtual Community Group

October 28th through December 2nd

Sponsored by Beyond Giftedness and SENG

10:00am every Tuesday

An introductory gifted adult community group for those with limited or no experience with SENG community groups.

Location: Virtual / Zoom

Cost: \$200 for 6 week session

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](#)

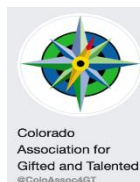
Northeast BOCES and Sterling: NECAGT [website](#)

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

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

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Articles, Blogs and Gifted News

[“The Predictive Power of Standardized Tests”](#)
(Education Week)

[“NAEP Scores Show Top Students are Struggling, Too”](#) (Thomas B. Fordham Flypaper)

[“Keeping Pace with a Gifted Child: Are Schools Letting Them Down?”](#)
(The Sydney Morning Herald)

[“The Advantages of Supplementing Curriculum”](#)
(eSchool News)

[“Dual Enrollment Helps Students Prepare for College Success. Why are Participation Rates Low?”](#)
(Milwaukee Neighborhood News)

[“Documentary and Gifted Education: Superkids 2 and its Impact on Perceptions of Gifted Education and Arts-Based Research”](#)
(Gifted Child Quarterly)

[“Most Students Aren’t Ready for Life After High School”](#) (eSchool News)

[“What Employers Want, Project-Based Learning Can Deliver”](#)
(The 74)

[“Avoiding Risk-Avoidant Behaviors”](#)
(With Understanding Comes Calm Blog)

[“Empowering Students With Supportive Coaching”](#) (Edutopia)

[“What is Courageous Parenting?”](#)
(Psychology Perspective)

[“What It's Like to be a Child Prodigy and Debunking the Myths of Exceptionalism”](#)
(abc.net.au)



Podcasts, Videos & Webinars

[“Help! My Child’s Self-Esteem is Terrible and I Don’t Know What to Do”](#)
(TILT Parenting Podcast)

[“Through the Spiral: Understanding Twice-Exceptionality with Dr. Karen Arnstein”](#)
(Exceptionally Speaking Podcast)

[“Managing Child Anxiety with Dawn Friedman”](#) (Exceptional Girls Podcast)

[“When Working Memory Looks Like Defiance”](#)
(Raising Lifelong Learners)

[“Nurturing Giftedness and Overexcitabilities in the Classroom \(authenticity & inclusion\)”](#)
(Positive Disintegration Podcast)

[“How Does Perfectionism Affect Motivation In Gifted Students?”](#) (Special Education Learning)

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Links

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[Conference Info](#)

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