



January 2019 Newsletter

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GT Information: 5 Topics to Choose From (2 Rotations) – Jan. 28

- Executive Function
- Social Emotional
- Early Access
- **Shopping for Post-Secondary Options – NEW TOPIC**
- GT 101

Monday, Jan. 28

6:30-8 p.m.

Jeffco Education Center 5th Floor Board Room
1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27, Golden

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JAGC Ambassador Training – Jan. 28

See information below in [JAGC News](#) about the training prior to the Parent Seminar.

Monday, Jan. 28

5:15-6:30 p.m.

Jeffco Education Center Room 2A
1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27, Golden

JAGC "Ask Us Anything" Panel – Feb. 25

Join the Jeffco Gifted & Talented Department, in conjunction with Jeffco Association for Gifted Children (JAGC) for an evening where you decide what you want to hear. We will have a panel that includes parents and educators who will share their experiences to help you navigate your own journey on a sometimes confusing path. Get answers to your burning questions and learn some tried and true strategies. Previous GT Parent Seminar presentations can be found on [Jeffco's Parent Resources](#) page.

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Jeffco News

[EnrollJeffco](#)

ALL Jeffco students need to be enrolled through the new EnrollJeffco system. The important dates are:

- Starting Dec. 17: Go to [EnrollJeffco](#) to learn about the schools near you.
- Jan. 22-Feb. 8: Enroll in your current or neighborhood school (K-12), or apply to another Jeffco school (choice enrollment & preschool) at [EnrollJeffco](#).
- Late February: If choice enrolling, you will receive notification of next steps via email.

All returning GT Center families will need to log into the new [EnrollJeffco](#) system between Jan. 22 and Feb. 8 to indicate their intent to return to the Center or they will lose their spot. This process will replace the previous paper/pencil Intent to Return forms.

[Jeffco Virtual Academy Online Gifted & Talented Classes](#)

The Gifted and Talented Department, in collaboration with Jeffco's 21st Century Virtual Academy (JVA), offers online GT courses. This school year the program will start with 7th grade core classes: GT Language Arts 7, GT Math 7/8, GT Science 7, and GT Social Studies 7. Classes are taught by certified GT teachers and offer the opportunity for GT students to participate in an engaging online curriculum that incorporates both the academic and social-emotional needs of gifted students.

Families may work with JVA and their home schools in order to arrange for their gifted children to take one or more GT class during their school day in their area(s) of strength. Group classes are available at some schools. All students are required to have an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) and an eligibility form completed and approved by their home school's counselor or administrator. Please see this [page](#) for more information and to register. Course information is [here](#).

[Jeffco Early Access](#)

Testing for Entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade for the 2019-2020 School Year
Colorado House Bill 08-1021, Early Kindergarten and First Grade for Gifted Children, extend the definition of "gifted child" to include four-year olds who may be able to access Kindergarten and five-year olds who can access First Grade, and adds a new classification of "highly advanced gifted child."

Essentially, Early Access applies to children in the 97th percentile or above on standardized tests and functioning levels typically two years or more above peers.

For early entrance to kindergarten, a child must be 4 years old by Oct. 1, 2019 and for early entrance to first grade, a child must be 5 years old by Oct. 1, 2019.

How to apply for Early Access (the cost is \$250):

1. Fill out the online [application](#), which opened Jan. 2.
2. Once the application is submitted, you will receive an Early Access Packet (with portfolio requirements) and Developmental History Form from the GT Office.
3. The Early Access Packet, Developmental History Form, and portfolio submissions will be due by March 21.
4. Parents will be contacted to schedule Cognitive Testing (DAS-II - Differential Ability Scales). Testing is typically scheduled in early April and takes approximately 2 hours.
5. If the child scores in the 97th percentile or higher on DAS-II, a second session will be scheduled to take TEMA-3 (Test of Early Math Ability), TERA-3 (Test of Early Reading Ability), and an observable play opportunity. This testing takes approximately 2 hours.
6. Notification of acceptance and non-acceptance is typically sent to parents by early May.

Part of the Early Access process is submitting a portfolio of evidence. This may include examples of art work, writings, photos or videos of things that have been built or auditions. It may be documentation of connections the child has made. It may be statements from preschool teachers. Any way you can show what were 'wow' moments for you. Things you noticed that seem advanced for a child of their age at the time.

If accepted, Jeffco has four elementary schools offering Early Access: Coronado, Hackberry Hill, Kendrick Lakes, and Parmalee. GT Early Access follows the Choice Enrollment process. Transportation is not provided to Early Access locations and is the responsibility of the parent.

[Warren Tech 2019-2020 Application](#)

The [Warren Tech](#) 2019-20 application is up and running. The online application [Apply Now](#) button can be found under the Admissions tab on the opening page of the Warren Tech website. The priority application deadline is February 11.

If you have questions about the online application, contact [Denae Coates](#), 303-982-5614, or [Leslee Hampel](#), 303-982-8603.

[School Interest Nights \(Showcases\)](#)

School Interest Nights are opportunities for schools to showcase their instructional programs and explain enrollment procedures.

[Upcoming showcases](#)

[Jeffco GT Center schools](#)

Educational

[Colorado Student Leaders Institute \(COSLI\) Summer Program – Applications due Jan. 31](#)

COSLI is a state-legislated, summer residential program July 7-Aug. 3 at the University of Colorado Denver, 1201 Larimer St, Denver, CO 80204. Find information [here](#).

For one month each summer, Colorado's best and brightest students, chosen from a competitive pool of applicants, live and study on the campus, and earn three hours of college credit. Students choose one of two majors: International Social Studies or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math), and explore diverse topics through a lecture series by university professors and three hands-on projects—Colorado Social Problem Lab, Short-Term Business Lab, and National History Day.

COSLI prepares students for college by fostering leadership, independence, innovativeness, initiative, critical thinking, and creativity. COSLI students do not have to be formally designated as gifted and talented students, but they must demonstrate through their application that they meet the academic rigors that the program requires. At least 50% of our students must be eligible for free and reduced lunch and/or be first generation college students.

JAGC News

[2019 JAGC Board Election](#)

We are starting the formal election process for next year's JAGC Board of Directors. Terms run for 2 years from July 1 to June 30. Nominations for open positions will be accepted from February 17 through March 2. Please look for an email blast from the JAGC Nominating Committee with details on available positions, the nominating procedure and the election process. Information will also be available on our website.

[Gifted Support Group Littleton – Jan. 25](#)

This group is a place to find support and get new ideas. Come share how things are going for your family, ask questions, and share your experiences with others who "get it." Please help JAGC volunteers plan their time and also reserve enough space. RSVP to [Shelly Morris](#), noting your name. Your RSVP also allows us to contact you in the event of a last minute cancellation.

Friday, Jan. 25

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Southwest Plaza Mall, Bowles and Wadsworth, main door entrance next to Bad Daddy's (entrance is on southwest side of mall between Dillard's and Macy's). Bring your lunch or buy it there.

Please [RSVP](#) by Monday, Jan. 21 for this Lunch Bunch. If no RSVPs are received, the meeting will be cancelled.

The next Lunch Bunch will be Friday, Feb. 22 (RSVP by Feb. 18).

JAGC Ambassador Training – Jan. 28

Are you interested in helping your GT parent community? Become a JAGC Ambassador! Ambassadors are parent volunteers who receive training in how to serve GT students, parents, and staff at the articulation area and school building levels.

Ambassadors can serve:

- Neighborhood Schools
- GT Center Schools
- Charter Schools
- Home School Groups
- Preschools

The training will take place prior to the Jeffco Parent Seminar at 6:30 p.m. Pizza and salad will be served for those who RSVP.

Please RSVP for the training to [Jean Willis-Brown](#).

Information about [JAGC Ambassadors](#)

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5:15-6:30 p.m.

Jeffco Education Center Room 2A

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Become a JAGC Member to Vote in Spring Election

Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year. Both are valid from September until August of the following year. You must be a member to vote in the spring JAGC election. When you register, be sure to select Jeffco as your affiliate. [Join](#) today!

Check our [Calendar](#) for Detailed Information on the Following Events

SENG 2e Model Parent Book Discussion Group – **Begins Jan. 8**

SENG Model Parent Book Discussion Group – **Begins Jan. 10**

Nature Obscura An Immersive Art Experience – **Jan. 11-April 28**

PEN (Parent Engagement Network) seminars and workshops – **Jan. 15, 26-27**

Colorado Indian Market and Southwest Showcase – **Jan.18-20**

Martin Luther King Jr. Parade – **Jan. 21**

Jeffco Warren Tech Open House – **Jan. 24**

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Conference in Grand Junction – **Jan. 24-26**

Gifted Support Group Littleton - **Jan. 25**

CU Museum Family Day – **Jan. 26**

CU Wizards: Surfing with a Mathematician! – **Jan. 26**

Inside the Orchestra Sensory Friendly Performance – **Jan. 26**

PEN 3rd Annual Stress & Anxiety Symposium - **Jan. 26**

Jeffco GT Parent Seminar - **Jan. 28**

Bright and Quirky Child Free Online Summit – Jan. 28-Feb. 3
7th Annual Bald Eagle Festival – Feb. 2
Tattered Cover Family Fun Night - Feb. 2
Denver Writes Valentine’s Poetry and Fundraiser – Feb. 2 & 9
PEN (Parent Engagement Network) seminars and workshops – Feb. 5, 7, 12, 27
Gifted Education Conference & Policy Symposium – Feb. 6-7
JAGC Board Meeting - Feb. 7
CU Museum Family Day – Feb. 9
CAGT Legislative Day for Students - Feb. 21
Beyond Giftedness Conference – Feb. 22
Gifted Support Group Littleton - Feb. 22
CU Wizards: Bioinspired Engineering with Buggy Robots – Feb. 23
Jeffco Parent Seminar - Ask JAGC Anything! - Feb. 25
Gap Year Fair – Feb. 28
Denver Writes Workshop Monsters, Myths and Legends – March 2
Gap Year Fair – March 2
Rocky Mountain STEAM Fest – March 2-3
PEN (Parent Engagement Network) seminars and workshops – March 5 & 12
CU Wizards: Electricity and Magnetism – March 16

Enrichment Corner

[CAGT Legislative Day for Students – Registration now open](#)

This is CAGT’s 20th year of providing this unique opportunity for students and adults to experience first-hand how state government works. The program is designed for 8th through 12th graders. All adults who are staying for lunch must register for this event as well. Click [here](#) for information and registration.

Thursday, Feb. 21

7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Scottish Rite Masonic Hall

1370 Grant Street

Denver, CO

[Jeffco Writing Challenge – Submissions due Feb. 28](#)

Jeffco Writing Challenge has two categories, [high school students](#) and [K-8 students](#).

[Spring Activities](#)

School of Mines Spring Programs for Girls – Registration now open

Sessions are offered Monday-Thursday and begin the week of Jan. 28 on the School of Mines campus, 1500 Illinois St., Golden, CO 80401.

[Program flyer](#)

[Register](#)

Discover Tech for 3rd-6th Grade Girls

This program meets four times per semester. It introduces girls to a variety of STEM subjects through fun, hands-on activities. Time: 4:30-5:45 p.m. Cost: \$60 (includes program t-shirt).

Explore Tech for 7th-9th Grade Girls

This program gives participants the opportunity to investigate specific topics in depth. Participants can choose one or both topics, to meet four or eight times per semester. Time: 5-6:15 p.m. Cost: \$60 per program or \$110 for both Computer Science and Physics (includes program t-shirt).

Create Tech for 9th-12th Grade Girls

School of Mines DECtech program is piloting two programs for local high school girls. If you would like to be placed on the contact list for the Create Tech program, please complete the [form](#).

Arvada Center Spring Break Camp

March 25-29

Spring break camp offerings include some of our most popular camps as well as a few with new twists for spring break fun.

Denver Art Museum Spring Break Camp

March 16–31

All spring break activities are included in general admission, free for kids 18 and younger. The Print Studio, Create-n-Takes, and gallery games and activities are open every day. See special performances of the family-friendly play, Art Emergency at 11 a.m. every weekday during spring break.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science Spring Break Camp

March 16-31

Science camps include science activities, crafts, games, and a chance to see IMAX and Planetarium shows. Visit our online ticketing store or call 303-370-6000 daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Denver Zoo Spring Safari Camp

March 25-29

Get to know the zoo animals that are featured in fairy tales. Explore critters from classic stories and get to know new versions as well. Programs are designed for pre-K through 3rd grade.

Summer Camps

Check back in February for JAGC's complete list of summer camps. The ones listed below have applications opening soon!

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

June 3-Aug. 9

Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80205
For ages 5-13. Registration opens for members on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 9 a.m. Giving Club members may register on Monday, Jan. 28, at 9 a.m.

Denver Zoo

June 3-Aug. 9

Denver Zoo, 2900 Steele St., Denver, CO 80205
For ages 4-8th grade. Registration opens in late January.

Jeffco SPARKS Camp

June 17-28

Wheat Ridge High School, 9505 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
For ages 5-12. Registration opens on Feb. 1 and closes March 30 at 4 pm.
[Course descriptions](#)

Top GT Stories of 2018

Here are some top stories from the past year from various GT resources:

[Byrdseed](#)

[Gifted Challenges](#)

[Hey Sigmund](#)

[National Association for Gifted Children](#)

Unique Storytimes

From buggy stories to under the sea, here's a collection of area [storytimes](#) from Colorado Parent.

"2e: Twice Exceptional" Movie Available Through Jeffco Public Libraries

"2e: Twice Exceptional" follows the personal journeys of a unique group of high school students in Los Angeles who have been identified as "twice exceptional" – gifted or highly gifted individuals with learning disabilities or differences. They are geniuses, mavericks and dreamers – Malcolm Gladwell's budding "outliers."

To watch the movie for free with a Jeffco library card, go to:

<https://jeffco.kanopy.com/video/2etwice-exceptional>.

Click the red button that says Sign Up. Create an account and then you will be taken back to a screen with a red Connect button. It will require you to enter your library card number, and then you can watch the movie.

You can also watch this movie using the Kanopy app on a phone or tablet after completing these steps. With Kanopy you can watch over 30,000 documentaries, classic and indie films on desktop, mobile and Roku. Jeffco Public Library gives you 10 credits per month.

Scholarships

The Davidson Institute for Talent Development – Application deadline Feb. 13

This program offers high-achieving young people across the country the opportunity to be named a 2019 Davidson Fellow, an honor accompanied by a \$50,000, \$25,000 or \$10,000 scholarship in recognition of a significant piece of work in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Music, Literature, Philosophy or Outside the Box. Applicants must submit an original piece of work that is recognized as significant by experts in the field and that has the potential to make a positive contribution to society. The scholarship may be used at any accredited college or university.

[Reviews.com](#) has created a [Scholarship Search Platform](#).

Connect With JAGC

Support JAGC With Amazon Smile

Shop on Amazon through Amazon Smile and a portion of your purchase price will be donated to JAGC. When you shop at Amazon, first go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select "Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children" before making your purchase.

Check Out JAGC on Facebook and Twitter

Did you know that JAGC is on Facebook? You can "Like" JAGC on Facebook and read GT and Jeffco-related information as part of your Facebook feed. JAGC also has a private Facebook group, JAGC Online for the purposes of discussion. To join "friend" Jeffco Gifted and send a FB message to request group membership or email for more information. A big thank you to Susan Carter-Ruskell for sharing great content on JAGC's social media!

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