



JAGG NEWS

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children
SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS

April 2022

Hello Families,

JAGC is holding our annual election in April. For voting members, you will receive a ballot by email. Please vote and return your ballot by April 24.

Join a [Jeffco committee](#) - GT voices need to be represented! Apply by April 11.

The application for Jeffco Virtual Academy [summer credit advancement](#) courses opens on April 30. Classes fill quickly, so plan accordingly.

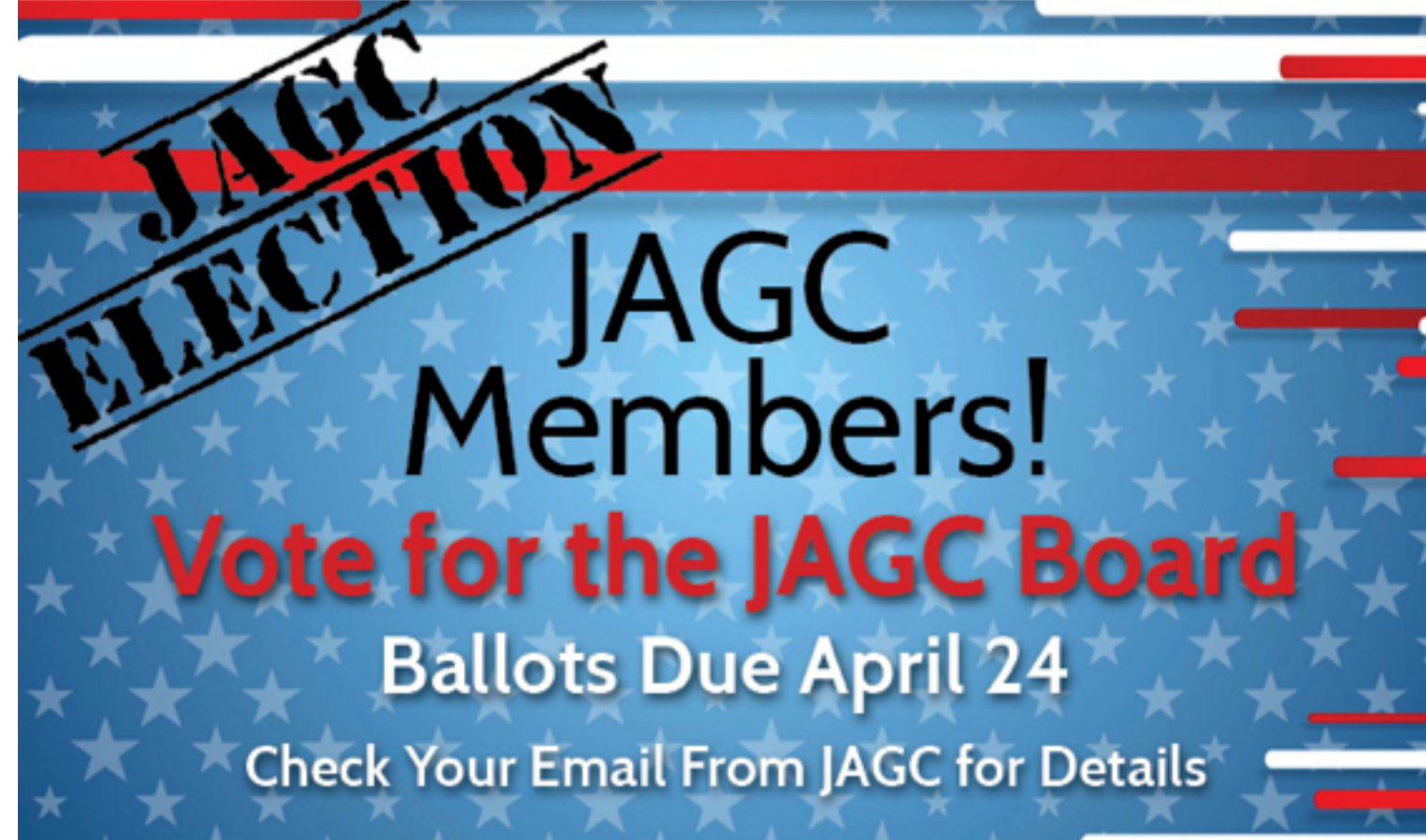
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JAGC Info



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2022 JAGC Election - Members, Vote by April 24

Official voting for the election will take place electronically with ballots sent to emails of record of JAGC members. Votes will be accepted through April 24. For more information, contact election chair Heather Groff at gtteachergroff@gmail.com.

This year there are six positions subject to election. Two Executive Committee members (Vice President and Treasurer) and four Member-at-Large positions will be voted upon this cycle. All positions are two-year terms starting July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024.

All elected board members will need to formally be or become a JAGC member. Membership in JAGC includes joint membership in CAGT (Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented). Combined dues are \$40 annually and membership in JAGC and CAGT runs concurrent to the school year. Both are valid from September until August of the following year.

See the [JAGC website](#) for information on board membership and on board [roles and committees](#).



Check Out These JAGC Web Resources

Each month we will highlight resources available to families on the JAGC and other websites. Here are some focused on families new to GT:

[Is My Child Gifted?](#) - Information about giftedness and how to help your gifted kids

[CAGT Advocacy Toolkit](#) - Effective advocacy is more than just being passionate about gifted education, but to know how to convey your message for collaboration and positive results.

[Handouts and GT articles](#)



Looking for help? JAGC is here for you!

If you have questions or concerns or need help, [email us](#) or post a question on our [Facebook](#) page. Let us know how we can help. **We want to hear from you!**

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Jeffco GT Dept. Info



March 9 Webinar Presentation "Helping Gifted Kids Manage 'All the Feels'"

In case you missed it, you can view Emily Kircher Morris' [presentation and slides](#) on the GT Dept. website.

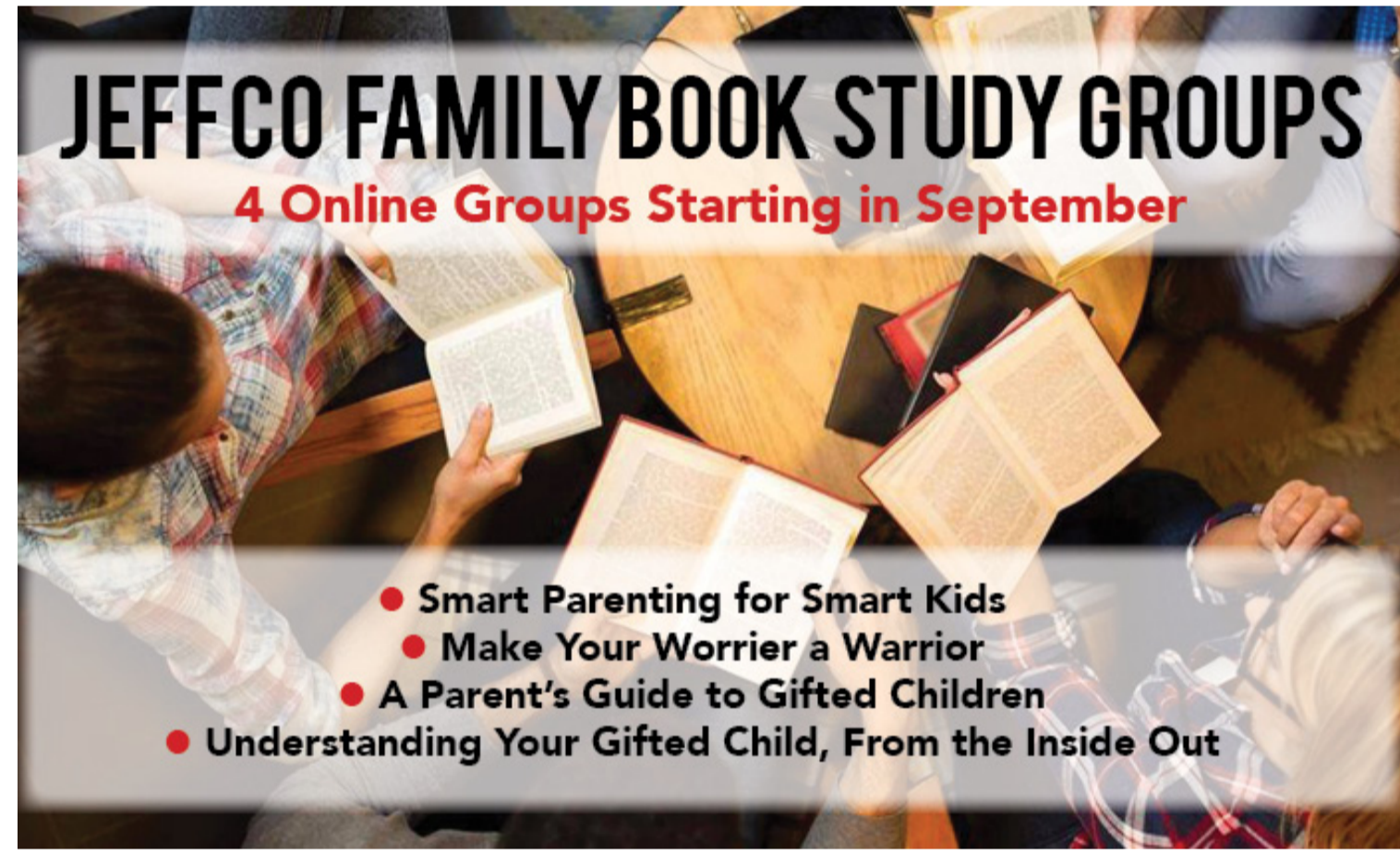


Check Out GT Website Resources

See the GT Dept. [website](#) for the latest news on Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs), opportunities for GT students, resources for parents and more.

[Parent/Family Resources page](#)

[List of Jeffco GT staff](#)



Fall Book Study Groups

Jeffco GT Dept. will offer free [SENG book club groups](#) in the fall. This is a great resource for information and connection with other families. Look for more info in the fall.

Jeffco News



Upcoming Town Halls with Board of Education Members

Want to learn more about Jeffco Public Schools' new strategic plan – Jeffco Thrives 2025? Join an upcoming [town hall](#) this spring to meet Board of Education members and share input on the district's mission, vision, and values. These open forums also provide an opportunity to discuss topics of interest with Board members. The town halls with our board members will take place in the school's library and are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, April 6 – 6:00 pm at Summit Ridge Middle School with Director Mary Parker
- Tuesday, April 12 – 6:00 pm at Evergreen High School with Director Paula Reed
- Monday, May 2 – 6:00 pm at Alameda International Jr/Sr High School with Director Susan Miller
- Saturday, May 7 – 9:30 am at Arvada West High School with President Stephanie Schooley
- Wednesday, May 18 – 6:00 pm at Pomona High School with Director Danielle Varda

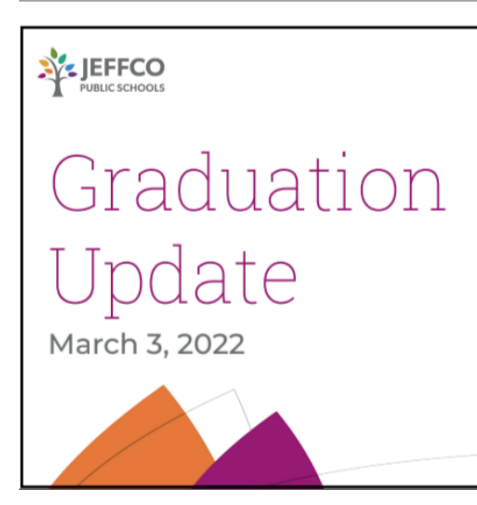
Join a Jeffco Committee

Jeffco schools is seeking parents, staff, business and community members to serve on [board advisory committees](#). Apply by April 11. **Volunteer to ensure GT voices are heard!**

- District Accountability Committee (DAC)
- Capital Asset Advisory Committee (CAAC)
- Financial Oversight Committee:
- Performance Evaluation Committee

Committees are open to:

- Parents of current Jeffco Public Schools students
- Teachers employed by Jeffco Public Schools
- Individuals involved in business/businesses in the Jeffco Public Schools district boundary
- Community members without students attending Jeffco Public Schools
- School administrators employed by Jeffco Public Schools
- Central-based administrators employed by Jeffco Public Schools



Jeffco Graduation Requirements Update

[Information on Jeffco graduation requirements](#), academic standards and school progress was shared at the March 3 board of education meeting. See slides 13-14 for a list of individual high school progress toward meeting English and math graduation requirements.



Summer Credit Advancement for Grades 10-12 - Application Opens April 27

[Credit Advancement](#) is for Jeffco students in grade 10-11 who are independent learners who want to take a class they haven't attempted before to get ahead in credits. Courses are taught entirely online by licensed Jeffco teachers and are NCAA approved. Students can complete a semester course in just four weeks. The cost is \$165 per class.

Calendar & Events



Students! Apply for the Summer Colorado Student Leaders Institute by April 30

The Colorado Student Leaders Institute has opportunities for resident assistants and teacher fellows. See the [website](#) for details and application deadlines. Priority is given to current 9th and 10th graders, but current 11th graders are permitted to apply. Students choose one of two majors through which to explore an interdisciplinary curriculum.



Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) Conference in October

The [2022 CAGT annual conference](#) is October 16-18 in Loveland, CO.

Call for Proposals - Proposals are due June 27 and should complement this year's conference theme "Unconventionally, Unconditionally Gifted." See the [website](#) for details.

Leadership Award Nominations - Each year individuals are honored for their outstanding achievements and contributions in our gifted community throughout Colorado. Leadership Awards are presented in the following categories: George T. Betts Inspiration Award, Jacquelin Medina Visionary Leadership Award, Parent of the Year, Educator of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Special Advocate of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award each year at our CAGT annual conference. If you would like to nominate someone for their extraordinary efforts in the field of gifted education, [submit your nomination](#) by Aug. 22.

Conference Scholarships Available - This year CAGT is offering four scholarships for educators, administrators and mental health providers to support gifted students and programming at their schools. There are also two new scholarships for teachers of color and mental health support personnel. See the CAGT [website](#) for details. Apply by Aug. 22.



Conversations with CAGT - Tuesdays at 5 PM

All of the sessions are on the [CAGT website](#) and on their [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

- [JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences](#)
- [Broomfield area events](#)
- [Denver area things to do](#)
- [Denver area TedX conferences](#)
- [Denver Mensa speaker series](#)
- [PEN Parent Engagement Network events](#)
- [Belin-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences](#)
- [Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)

Newsletter Links

See our [website](#) for these helpful resources:
For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info & Resources - Student Programs & Enrichment - Homework Help - Learning Supports - Scholarships - College Resources - National GT Resources

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