



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

# JAGC NEWS

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children

SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS

## December 2021

**Hello Families,**

**Welcome to December!** Only a few weeks to go until break time. There are a number of events to note this month and next:

**Deadline is TODAY** to apply for the Colorado Dept of Education Gifted Education State Advisory Committee. GE-SAC is accepting applications for various districts and member positions. See the [website](#) for details.

**JAGC has a [holiday fundraiser](#) on Saturday, Dec. 4.** Please support our kids by shopping in person at the Colorado Mills Barnes & Noble from 9 AM-9 PM or online. Thank you for your support!

**CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) [parent virtual seminar](#) is Dec. 8.** Topics include understanding the data and the GT identification and Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) process.

**[Enroll Jeffco](#) opens Dec. 13.** Round 1 enrollment runs through Jan. 14, 2022.

**“Planning for High School and Beyond” webinar from JAGC is Jan. 13.** Register on the [JAGC website](#). Spread the word!

**[Parent/Family Learning Night](#) from the Jeffco GT Dept. will be Jan. 26.** There will be several breakout sessions.

**As we turn the corner to the end of the year,** please consider donating to JAGC to help us advocate for our kids.

--Donate on our [website](#). Will you give us \$5-10 to help with programming and advocacy? Any amount is appreciated!

--Shop on [AmazonSmile](#). Select "Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children" and a portion of your purchases will be donated to JAGC.

**Thank you for helping us advocate for our kids!**

Donate today!



JAGC Info

# Holiday Fundraiser

**BENEFIT FOR JEFFCO ASSOC. FOR GIFTED CHILDREN AT**

# **BARNES & NOBLE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 9 AM - 9 PM  
AT COLORADO MILLS AND ONLINE AT BN.COM**

## **Shop Our [Holiday Fundraiser](#) Dec. 4**

Please help JAGC by shopping in person at the Colorado Mills Barnes & Noble or online from 9 AM-9 PM.

Online shoppers, go to <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/bookfairs>. Use code 12618492. From the payment page, scroll to the very bottom and choose 'Check this box if it is a Bookfair Order.' Note: If signed in to your [BN.com](#) account, you may need to click 'Change' on the Payment section on the Checkout page and then scroll to the bottom. For help, contact the store at 303-215-9060.

**Thank you for your support!**

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# PLANNING FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**On Zoom and Facebook Live**



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## “Planning for High School and Beyond” Webinar Jan. 13

Planning for middle school, high school and post-high school? [Register](#) to attend JAGC’s webinar on Thursday, Jan. 13 from 6:30-7:30 PM. Topics will include pathways and course options, college planning and other considerations. [Submit your questions](#) to the presenters in advance by Dec. 17.

Upcoming webinars will be “New to GT: What Families Need to Know” and “Twice Exceptional: Advocating for Your Students.” More details to come!



## Help JAGC With Your Area of Interest

Are you a curriculum expert? Love to analyze data? Maybe you have experience with social-emotional learning. JAGC could use your help serving in an advisory role for occasional questions from our members on a wide range of topics. Your time involved is minimal but the impact is huge! Email [info@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:info@jeffcogifted.org) to get started.

**Join JAGC**



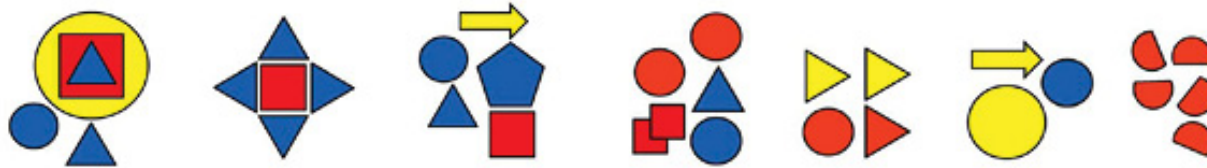
**Jeffco GT Dept. Info**



# DECEMBER GT PARENT SEMINAR

## Understanding the *CogAT*<sup>®</sup>

December 8, 6:30-8:30 PM  
Virtual seminar



### [CogAT Parent Seminar Dec. 8](#)

Jeffco GT is hosting a virtual CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) parent seminar on Dec. 8 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Information covered will include understanding the data and understanding the GT identification and Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) process. Sign up for the webinar on the Jeffco GT website.

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### GT Dept. Links

[November Jeffco GT Department Gazette](#)

[Parent/Family Resources page](#)

[List of Jeffco GT staff](#)

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



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### Parent/Family Learning Night Jan. 26

The next [Parent/Family Learning Night](#) will be Wed., Jan. 26. There will be breakout sessions on ABC's of ALPs, GT 101, executive functioning, early access, 2e (twice exceptional), social emotional needs of gifted students, and transitions/post-secondary options.

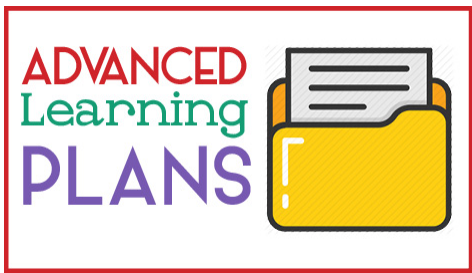
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### High School Credit for Math and World Languages

Middle school students who are taking high school math and world languages can now receive high school credit (Spanish I, Spanish II, French I, Algebra, Geometry,



Algebra II). Later in the spring, schools will send home a form for families to opt in for credit. For more information, contact your school counselor. [See details](#) on the program.



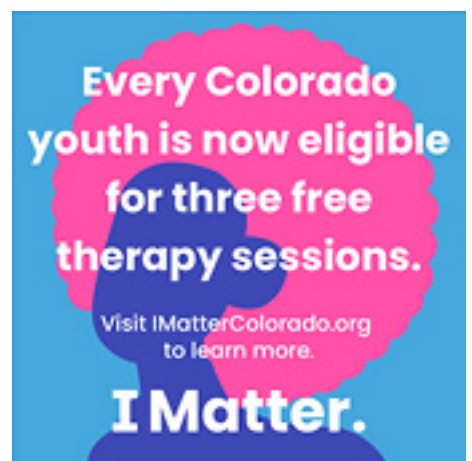
## Advanced Learning Plan Monitoring Begins

Schools should be starting the Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) progress monitoring phase. For more information regarding ALPs, visit our [Advanced Learning Plan website](#). Contact your [GT Resource Teacher](#) with questions.



## Enroll Jeffco Opens Dec. 13

Round one enrollment for the 2022-23 school year opens Dec. 13 in [Enroll Jeffco](#). See the flyer for more details ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)). Round 1 for the 2022-23 school year is Dec. 13, 2021 to Jan. 14, 2022. Round 2 opens Feb. 20, 2022. Choice application offers will go out in late January.



## New Mental Health Resource for Students

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, and partners have launched [I Matter](#), a program that pairs youth with mental health professionals. It's a place for youth to find someone to talk to for free if they've been feeling down or just want to make sense of their emotions. Visit [IMatterColorado.org](#) to learn more.

## Jeffco Writing Challenge - Submit



## Entries by Feb. 15

The Jeffco Writing Challenge is open to all Jefferson County School students in K-12. Poetry, short stories, nonfiction and dramas are all welcome. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 25. See the [website](#) for details.



## Calendar & Events



### Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Academy Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 5

[PEP Academy Online](#) will be presented via live on Zoom and pre-recorded Moodle sessions. Colorado Dept. of Education plans conferences throughout the year that are family-centered and designed to offer support, information, and education to parents and professionals. See [FAQs about PEP](#) for more information.

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### Save the Date! CAGT Legislative Day Feb. 24 and Senior Day March 10

Legislative Day is a virtual event for students in grades 9-12. New this year: senior day in person at the Capitol on March 10. See the [CAGT website](#) for details.



### Conversations with CAGT - Tuesdays at 5 PM

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

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[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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