



JAGC NEWS

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

December 2022

Hello Families,

Happy holidays! Enjoy the spirit of the season - it's just a few weeks until break time. Here are some upcoming events:

- **Jeffco GT Dept.** is hosting a Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) [parent webinar](#) on Dec. 7. Part 1 is understanding the date and part 2 is understanding the GT identification and Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) process.
- **EnrollJeffco opens Dec. 6.** Round 1 enrollment runs through Jan. 13.
- **Get info about gifted education at JAGC's parent GT chat Jan. 18.** Join us on Zoom to discuss "New to GT? What Families Need to Know."

Thank you for helping us advocate for our kids!

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JAGC Info

NEW TO GT? WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

Free webinar from Jeffco Association for Gifted Children

What does "Talented" gifted actually mean? WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
7-8 PM
On Zoom

JeffcoGTed.org • Facebook.com/JeffcoGifted

Join JAGC for "New to GT: What Families Need to Know" Jan. 18
Join us on Jan. 18 to discuss gifted education at JAGC's monthly parent chat on Zoom. We will have a panel discussing gifted education:

- What does a GT child look like? Characteristics and intensities identified
- What is an ALP and what do I do? Collaboration, goal setting and advocacy explored
- Center program vs. neighborhood school--what's the difference? Comparisons shared
- and more

Submit questions in advance at info@jeffcogifted.org. See the [website](#) for info and to register.

Gifted & Talented RESOURCES

Helpful Gifted Resources
Check out the JAGC website for information on a variety of topics including these:

- [Gifted websites, books and organizations](#)
- [Mental health resources](#)
- [School staff help for social-emotional needs](#)

Support JAGC This Season
When you make your gift lists this year, please consider a gift to JAGC to help us advocate for our kids.

- [Shop on AmazonSmile](#). Select "Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children" and a portion of your purchases will be donated to JAGC.
- [Donate on our website](#). Will you give us \$5-10 to help with programming and advocacy? Any amount is appreciated!

Thank you for your support!

[Join JAGC](#)

[Visit Jeffcogifted.org for more info](#)

Jeffco GT Dept. Info

November Jeffco GT Department Gazette

CogAT® Cognitive Abilities Test Parent Seminar Dec. 7

Jeffco GT Dept. is hosting a virtual Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) parent webinar on Dec. 7 from 6:30-8 PM. Learn more about the CogAT that is administered to all second grade students each year in Jeffco, including how to interpret the results to better understand how your child learns.

For those interested in attending the second part of the session, we will discuss the use of the CogAT results for Gifted and Talented (GT) identification to get students on an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP), and information on GT Center programming. Sign up for the webinar on the [Jeffco GT website](#).

KINDERGARTEN EARLY ACCESS

Early Access for Kindergarten Opens Jan. 3
To meet the needs of highly advanced children who have not yet entered kindergarten, Jeffco Public Schools may grant early entrance to school for highly advanced gifted children with a body of evidence at or above the 97th percentile, who do not meet the age requirements outlined in [Board Policy JEB](#). The student must reach the age of four by October 1 for kindergarten. This process is not for typical children who miss the October 1 kindergarten entrance date.

For the requirements of Early Access to Kindergarten, see [Jeffco Board Policy JHB](#). The Early Access packet/portfolio is due on March 20, 2023 to the director of Gifted and Talented at the Jefferson County Education Center for priority scheduling for cognitive testing. For more information about early access please see [the Early Access website](#).

Parent/Family Learning Night Jan. 25

Join the Jeffco GT team for an evening on a variety of topics on Jan. 25 from 6-8 PM in the Jeffco Ed Center Board Room. See the [website](#) for details coming soon. Attendees can select two breakout sessions:

- ABCs of ALPs
- Early Access
- Identification & Programming
- Anxiety & Overexcitabilities
- Strengths & Superpowers
- Executive Functioning
- Next Steps for Seniors

Advanced Learning Plan Monitoring Begins

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

Resources for High School Students

- [Secondary Extensions & Contest Opportunities](#)
- [Jeffco Postsecondary Opportunities searchable database](#)
- [Jeffco Postsecondary Opportunities searchable database - Charter schools](#)

Have Questions About Gifted & Talented Services? Here Are Staff Who Can Help!

List of Jeffco GT Resource Teachers, Social-Emotional Learning counselors and Building Leaders

Jeffco News

ENROLL JEFFCO

Enroll Jeffco Opens Dec. 6
Round 1 for the 2022-23 school year is Dec. 6, 2022-Jan. 13, 2023. Round 2 opens January 19, 2023. Choice application offers will go out in late January. See the [website](#) for details.

School Information Events

Deciding which schools to attend next year? Check your local school websites for info and dates. Events are generally scheduled through December.

Preschool Enrollment Process

New for the 2023-24 school year, Jeffco families will use [Colorado's Universal Preschool Program \(UPP\)](#) application to enroll in preschool for the 2023-24 school year. Families will not be able to apply for preschool in EnrollJeffco. Due to implementation of the new UPP application, families will wait until January 2023 to apply. This change is for preschool enrollment only. More information will be available soon. See the [Jeffco website](#) for preschool info.

Jeffco Writing Challenge

Jeffco Writing Challenge - Submit Entries by Feb. 24
The Jeffco Writing Challenge is open to all Jefferson County School students in K-12. Poetry, short stories, nonfiction and dramas are all welcome. Please, no paired grades submitted together. Each writer must do their own work! Deadline for submissions is Feb. 24. Questions? Call 800-978-4290 or 720-354-1444, or email barbarabanning@jcsd.com.

K-12th grade prompts:
1. If you could give someone a gift that would positively change the world, what would the gift be? OR
2. When you wish upon a star, what do you wish for?

Make sure your reader can understand your purpose in 500 words or less.
To submit your entry, complete the [entry form/permission slip](#). Then:
1) send a printed copy of your story and
2) attach a copy of the permission slip/entry form completed online to:

ENC-JWC
Your child's grade number
P.O. Box 688, Golden, CO 80402

- * First place winners in each grade win \$100
- * Second place winners win a \$25 gift card
- * Third place winners win a \$15 gift card

Schools win awards based on student entries:

- * First place school wins \$500
- * Second place school wins \$300
- * Third place school wins \$200

Information About Jeffco School Closures and Consolidations

On Nov. 10, the Jeffco Board of Education approved the district's recommendation to [close and consolidate](#) 15 elementary schools after the 2022-23 school year and one after the 2023-24 school year. See the Board statement [here](#). View updated [FAQ and Family Resources](#) on the Jeffco website. If your school is affected, contact your principal for additional information.

New Program Provides Healthy School Meals for All Students

On November 8, voters in Colorado approved Proposition FF, which creates a program to provide access to free meals to all public school students in Colorado, and to offer grants to schools to help pay for those meals. Contact your school for more information.

JEFFCO THRIVES 2025

Students, Looking for a Fun Challenge? Get Involved in Destination Imagination

Destination Imagination invites students to participate in project-based learning teams and compete this spring. Choose from six competitive challenges - technical, scientific, engineering, fine arts, improvisational and service learning. Students form teams of up to seven members, select a challenge, and work together to develop their challenge solution, gaining 21st century skills including creative and critical thinking, collaboration and project management. Teams have the opportunity to showcase their innovative challenge solutions at a tournament.

Find a team (or form your own) and more info on the Colorado DI website at dicolorado.com or contact Jeffco Destination Imagination at tinajeffco@jcsd.com.

Calendar & Events

[JAGC calendar - activities, events & conferences](#)

[CU Wizards science exploration monthly programs](#)

[Denver Writes Workshops virtual and in-person](#)

[PEN Parent Engagement Network events](#)

[Bein-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences](#)

[Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)

Parents Encouraging Parents

CDE Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Disability Conferences

Information will be posted soon on the [Colorado Dept. of Education website](#) for upcoming PEP events. These weekend conferences focus on parents and caregivers of students with disabilities and are free to Colorado parents/guardians. Lodging and meals are included. Topics include:

- * Parenting a child with a disability and rebuilding dreams
- * The law and education of children with disabilities
- * Living with a disability
- * Early childhood supports and services
- * The Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- * The transition IEP

Conversations with CAGT - First & Third Tuesdays AT 5 PM

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

Resources

Recent Articles and Podcasts

[NAGC's State of the States in Gifted Education](#) (National Association for Gifted Children)
["What is the Gifted and Talented Program? \(Everything You Need to Know\)"](#) (Classful)
["Gifted/Talented Resources, Tools, and Research"](#) (Texas Education Agency)
["How MTSS Supports Gifted Students"](#) (Branching Minds)
["Seven Things Gifted Children Say \(and Why\)"](#) (The Grayson School)
["How to Know if You Have an Overachieving Child? Experts Reveal Key Traits"](#) (Newweek)
["Raising Gifted Kids? Some Strategies You Should Know"](#) (Zen Founder)
["Do You Have A Gifted Child? Signs Your Child Might Need An Extra Challenge"](#) (Prodigy)
["How to Prepare for the Competitive World of Ivy League Admissions"](#) (New York Post)
["The Education Gently Show: What We Know about Gifted Education"](#) (Fordham Institute podcast)

Newsletter Links

See our [website](#) for these helpful resources:
Resources - Student Programs & Enrichment - Homework Help - Learning Supports
Scholarships - College Resources - National GT Resources

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