



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN



January 2021

Happy New Year!

We hope yours is off to a good start. There are lots of student and parent opportunities in the next few weeks. Of note this month:

- The Jeffco GT Dept. is hosting a virtual [Parent/Family Learning Night](#) on Jan. 20.
- [Jeffco Early Access](#) for 4-5-year-olds opens Jan. 4.
- [CDE PEP conferences](#) supporting students with disabilities and their families - register by Jan. 8
- [Jeffco first round enrollment](#) closes Jan. 15.

Check in on JAGC [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for updates and inspiration. Send us yours too!



JAGC Info

[Become a JAGC Member to Vote in the Spring Election](#)

JAGC will hold the annual election for board positions in March. Become a member now to be involved! Membership in JAGC and CAGT runs from September until August of the following year. When you register, be sure to select Jeffco as your affiliate. [Join us!](#)



Have Questions or Concerns? Contact JAGC

Hybrid and remote school this year is new for everyone. If you have questions or concerns or need help, [email us](#) or post on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages. We want to hear from you!

Join JAGC

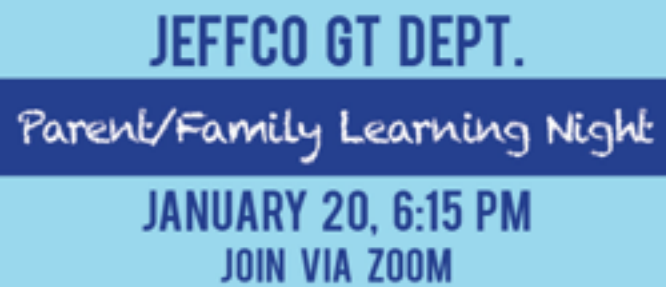


Jeffco GT Dept. Info

[January 2021 Jeffco GT Dept. News](#)

[GT Dept. Parent/Family Learning Night - Jan. 20](#)

The GT Department is hosting a virtual Parent/Family Learning Night on Jan. 20 beginning with a welcome from Roger Dowd, Director of Gifted & Talented Programming, at 6:15 pm.



Two sessions will be presented. You will be able to choose one topic from session 1 and one topic from session 2. All sessions will be recorded and posted on the Jeffco GT website the following week.

Session 1 (6:35-7:15 PM)

- Executive Function
- Twice Exceptional
- Gifted 101

Session 2 (7:20-8 PM)

- Early Access
- The ABCs of ALPs (Advanced Learning Plans)
- Social Emotional Needs of Gifted Children
- Transitioning/Post-secondary Options

Visit the [event website](#) for more information. [RSVP for this event here](#). A zoom link will be sent to the email you provide by 3 PM on Jan. 20.

[Early Access for Ages 4-5 -](#)

[Application Opens Jan. 4](#)

Early Access to kindergarten is for four-year-olds, as an exception to the normal age requirements per Jeffco Board Policy JEB. This is for children who are highly gifted (97th percentile or higher) and who would benefit from acceleration. The early access application is open January 4-April 1. [Click here](#) for the Early Access module. For more information about early access, visit the [Early Access website](#).



[Advanced Learning Plan \(ALP\) Progress Monitoring](#)

Jeffco's GT Department January Gazette has information about how progress monitoring is working with Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs) this school year.



[Enroll Jeffco Round 1 Closes Jan. 15](#)

- Round 1 for the 2021-22 school year is Dec. 8, 2020 - Jan. 15, 2021
- Round 2 for the 2021-22 school year opens Jan. 19
- Choice offers will go out in late January



New Jeffco PK-12 Students:

Use the [School Finder button](#) to find your neighborhood school and/or other school options. Contact the school you are interested in attending to enroll.

Current Jeffco K-12 Students:

If you wish to change schools during the school year, you will need to submit an [administrative transfer request](#) to your current school's principal. Unless your family has recently moved, no administrative

transfer is needed in this case.

[Warren Tech 2021-2022 Application](#)

The Warren Tech application is open. The priority application deadline is February 18. Check the [program page](#) for details.



[Summer Credit Advancement for Grades 10-12 - Application Opens May 1](#)

Jeffco Virtual Academy offers two 4-week sessions during the summer for students to take a class they haven't attempted before to get ahead in credits. Courses are entirely online. Students can complete a semester course in just four weeks. The cost is \$165 per class.



Additional program dates:

--Jan. 28 - JVA virtual open house, 5:30-7:30 PM

--Feb. 18 - Priority [application](#) deadline for first consideration for program openings

--Feb. 18-Aug. 17 - Applications received after Feb. 18 will be placed on the waitlist and considered if space becomes available



Calendar & Events

[Conversations with CAGT - Tuesdays at 5 PM](#)

The Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented hosts weekly Facebook Live sessions with GT experts. Tune in Tuesdays at 5 PM on the [CAGT Facebook page](#).



[JAGC Calendar - Activities, Events & Conferences](#)

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

[Feb. Virtual Winter Super Saturdays - Western Kentucky University Center for Gifted Studies](#)

[Broomfield area events](#)

[Denver area things to do](#)

[Jeffco Library events for Kids & Families](#)

Check in advance as activities may be postponed or cancelled.



For Parents

[CDE PEP Jan.-Feb. Online Conferences - Register by Jan. 8](#)

PEP (Parents Encouraging Parents) Conferences are free events designed to promote family and school partnerships that are essential in supporting students with disabilities and their families in schools and the community. PEP brings parents and professionals together by sharing ideas, discussing concerns, celebrating successes and obtaining information related to parenting, educating and partnering to support student learning. Spring session registration will open in January.

2021 Winter PEP dates:

Friday, Jan. 29 – 6:30 pm-9:30 pm (3 hours)

Saturday, Jan. 30 – 8:15 am-12:15 pm (4 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 6 – 9:15 am-11:45 am (2 hours)

Saturday, Feb. 13 – 8:45 am-12:45 pm (4 hours)

[Denver Gifted and Talented Leaders of Color and Allies](#)

The Gifted and Talented (GT) Leaders of Color and Allies started in late 2019 with a few educators of color collaborating with advocates for the support, connection and empowerment of gifted students and educators of color. Follow/join the group at [Gifted & Talented Leaders of Color and Allies on Facebook](#).



National Resources

[TECA Online Parent Seminars](#)

The Twice Exceptional Children's Advocacy (TECA) offers online parent seminars. This group is open to parents and guardians of all twice exceptional children and teens. See the [schedule online](#) for topics and dates.



[Ongoing SENG Parent Support Groups](#)

Parents, are you looking for support? Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) online support groups are designed to address the unique issues, needs and challenges faced by gifted families. The [website](#) lists upcoming groups.



For Students

Homework Help

[Jefferson County Library Elementary Homework Help](#)

[Jefferson County Library Teen Homework Help](#)

[Khan Academy](#) offers homework help and test prep

[Prepdogoffers](#) Common Core help by grade



[CAGT Virtual Legislative Day - Apply by Jan. 15](#)

Register now for the CAGT (Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented) 22nd annual Legislative Day and their first Virtual Legislative Day on Thursday, Feb. 18.



Students will navigate through this unique experience firsthand to learn how Colorado's government works. This year Legislative Day will allow students in grades 9-12 ONLY a unique opportunity to connect with our state legislators. The day will be filled with keynote and featured speakers, a choice of breakout sessions, Q&A time, games and virtual tours of the capitol. ***The dates and deadlines have shifted and the requirements have changed so when you visit the [registration site](#), please read everything carefully.*** For more information about the day, deadlines, and to register [click here](#).

[JeffCon IT Conference for High School Students - Jan. 29](#)

This conference at the Jeffco Ed Center is designed to inform, engage and provide growth opportunities for any Jeffco High School student interested in pursuing a career in the field of information technology (IT). Students must apply through their high school.

[Colorado Student Leaders Institute Summer Program - Apply by Jan. 31](#)

The Colorado Student Leaders Institute is an affiliate of the

National Conference of Governor's Schools. A Governor's School on a resume is equivalent to a 5 on an AP exam.



Students live and study on the University of Colorado Denver Campus for the duration of the program.

Students have the choice of two 3-week sessions:

---Session 1: June 20 through July 10

---Session 2: July 11 through July 31

Students can choose from three majors: STEM, Art or International Social Studies and receive interdisciplinary instruction from professors, business leaders, nonprofit managers, local government officials and entrepreneurs. They also complete three labs: entrepreneurship lab, social problem lab, and National History Day. Application decisions will be announced in early March 2021.

[School of Mines Spring Programs for Girls - Sessions begin Jan. 25](#)

DECtech is a Colorado School of Mines outreach program designed especially for girls in grades 3-12. Program leaders are female Mines students who are both passionate about their subjects of study and sharing this passion with the next generation. Spring sessions will be virtual this year.



[National Young Arts Week Classes and Free Virtual Events - Jan. 3-30](#)

--January 3–9: Virtual classes and workshops with notable artists for 2021 Finalists

--January 25–30: Virtual showcase of 2021 Finalist performances, writers' readings and an exhibition.

Streaming every night on youngarts.org. Free and open to all.

[CU Science Wizards - Jan. 23](#)

Professor Katja Frederich presents "The Tumultuous Life of Cumulus Clouds" on Saturday, Jan. 23 via Zoom.



[Jeffco Writing Challenge - Deadline Feb. 22](#)

The Jeffco Writing Challenge is open to all Jefferson County



School students in K-12. Poetry, short stories, nonfiction or dramas are all welcome. Winning entries receive cash and gift card prizes, and schools win awards based on student entries. For more information on the prompts, and for submission guidelines and entry form, see the event [website](#).

[School of Mines SUMMET 2020 Application - Apply by March 1](#)

The Summer Multicultural Engineering Training (SUMMET) program is an engineering, science and technology program designed for rising juniors and seniors who are from underrepresented populations, including ethnic/racial minority, women and prospective first-generation college students. Only students from Colorado and Oklahoma are eligible to apply to the program. This program is available at no cost to participants, with the exception of a \$50 confirmation fee for students accepted into the program. Program dates are June 6-18, June 20-July 2 and July 11-23.



[Lockheed-Martin STEM Scholarship - Application Opens in January, Deadline in March](#)

Lockheed Martin has a scholarship program to provide opportunities to students. The company awards 200 scholarships of \$10,000 per student, renewable each year. Mentoring opportunities are a key component of the program, and recipients will also be eligible for Lockheed Martin internship opportunities following their freshman year in college.



[GT Student Opportunities](#) from the Jeffco GT Department

[Lockheed Martin STEM Opportunities for Students](#)

[Denver Pioneer Drama Playwriting Contest & Musical/Play Submissions](#)

[CU Science Discovery K-12 Programs](#)

STEM at home kits, virtual STEM academies, mountain research experience, school year and summer camps.

[Denver Writes Seeks Youth Contributors](#)

Denver Writes' literary magazine, Backspace, is currently looking for fresh,

innovative and creative writing that challenges the status quo and shows insightful understanding of the world. The magazine showcases Denver's best young writers aged 10-18 and provides a space for young writers to be published in print.



Backspace is also looking for teens aged 12-18 interested in helping compile, edit, organize and design the literary magazine. If you are interested, email backspace@denverwrites.org with the subject line of "Get Involved." See the [website](#) for details.

National Programs

[Spring writing courses at the Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education](#)

[Young Scholars Program - Application Open Jan. 11-March 22](#)

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Young Scholars Program opens on Jan. 11. The Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. It provides academic advising, along with financial support for school, summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities. Eligible applicants should:

- Be entering 8th grade in the fall of 2021.
- Have earned all As and Bs since the beginning of 6th grade.
- Reside in the U.S. and plan to attend high school in the U.S.
- Demonstrate financial need with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$95,000.

[Davidson Academy Online Campus - Apply by Jan. 31](#)



The 2021-2022 application for the Davidson Academy online campus is now available. Open to students who live anywhere in the United States and Canada, this accredited online option builds off the one-of-a-kind, exceptional framework put in place by the Davidson Academy's Reno campus. Learn about the [benefits of online learning for gifted students](#) and how the Davidson Academy Online is working to meet their needs.

[Davidson Institute Fellows Scholarships - Apply by March 10](#)

The Davidson Institute for Talent Development offers high-achieving young people across the country the

opportunity to be named a 2021 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.

[Davidson Young Scholars Program – Applications Due First of Each Month](#)

The Davidson Young Scholars program provides free services designed to nurture and support profoundly gifted young people and their families, including talent development, educational advocacy, an online community and the Ambassadors program. Young Scholars can also access annual get-togethers, a summer camp for 8- to 12-year-olds and challenging online middle school courses.



College News

College Resources

[Area College & Job Fairs](#)

[College Fairs of Greater Denver](#)

[College Application Deadlines](#)

Scholarships

[25 Great Scholarships for Gifted Students](#)

Bestcolleges.com [Scholarship Search Platform](#)



Resources

Summer Programs

[Camp Invention STEM Program for K-6 \(Several locations in Denver\)](#)

[Davidson Institute Summer Programs](#)

Recent GT Articles & Podcasts

[Top GT Articles of 2020 \(Gifted Challenges\)](#)

[CDE Support for Gifted Learners at Home During COVID-19](#)

[Supporting Your Child During COVID-19 \(NAGC March 2020 - still relevant\)](#)

[How Hybrid Learning Is \(and Is Not\) Working During COVID-19: 6 Case Studies \(EdWeek\)](#)

[Subject Acceleration: What Are the Issues? \(Belin-Blank Center\)](#)

[Parenting Resilience in Unsettling Times: It Starts With Us \(Parent Footprint\)](#)

[This is Why Your Gifted Child Struggles to Fall Asleep \(Raising Lifelong Learners\)](#)

[Nurturing Artistically Gifted Students \(#GTchat\)](#)

[Tips for Cultivating Healthy School Friendships Online \(MindShift\)](#)

[Examining Challenges Faced By High-Ability Students \(NAGC\)](#)

[Gifted Teen Offers Personal Perspective on What It's Like to Be Gifted \(NAGC\)](#)

[Tech Talk Tuesdays Blog from Screenagers](#)

Tech and screentime discussions, reviews and ideas for parents



Newsletter Links

For Parents New to GT - Jeffco GT Dept. Info and GT 101 - Parent Info - Student Programs & Enrichment - Scholarships - College Prep - National GT Resources

[Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children \(JAGC\)](#) is a nonprofit group providing leadership and support to families and educators of advanced learners in Jefferson County, Colorado.
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