



November 2022

Hello Families,

JAGC has had a few questions recently from parents about gifted center placement, student testing and Advanced Learning Plans. You can contact JAGC anytime at info@jeffcogifted.org with your questions.

Upcoming events:

- The next JAGC [parent GT chat](#) is Nov. 16. Join us virtually each third Wednesday of the month for information and help on your gifted and talented journey.
- Jeffco Gifted and Talented Dept. is hosting a virtual CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) parent seminar on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Part 1 is understanding the data and part 2 is understanding the GT identification and Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) process.

As we move into giving session, please consider donating 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. **This includes Black Friday!**
- 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!



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JAGC Info

Next Monthly Parent Gifted and Talented Chat is Nov. 16

Join us on Nov. 16 and the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM (no event in December, resuming in January) for a Zoom chat about gifted and talented topics. Here's your opportunity to ask questions and learn from other families. These sessions are not recorded. See the [website](#) for info and to register.

MONTHLY PARENT GIFTED & TALENTED CHAT

Free event from Jeffco Association for Gifted Children

Third Wednesdays of the month

7-8 PM ON ZOOM

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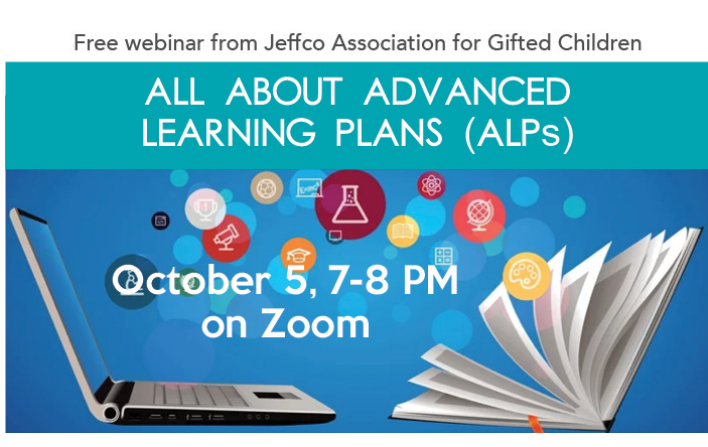
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Webinar Recap: All About Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs)

See the recent presentation about Advanced Learning Plans on the [JAGC website](#) for information on parent/family roles in the process, Colorado law for ALPs, how to write an ALP and what should be included, working with your student's teacher, and more.



Helpful Gifted Resources

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

- [Is my child gifted?](#)
- [List of school staff help for social-emotional needs](#)
- [Resources for parents, students and educators](#)

JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

JAGC WEBSITE

NEWSLETTER SIGNUP

Looking For Help?

JAGC is here for you!

JAGC is a nonprofit organization of parents with gifted kids. We help families with:

- Understanding the gifted & talented journey
- Advocating for your child's unique needs
- Finding help for social and emotional concerns
- Understanding Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs)
- Supporting twice exceptional (2e) students

Email us to get started!

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children (JAGC)
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Looking for help? JAGC is Here For You

Contact JAGC at info@jeffcogifted.org, check out information our [website](#) and visit us on [Facebook](#). We have resources and information for families of advanced learners and students identified as gifted.

See our website for a [postcard](#) and [flyer](#) that are available to all schools. If your school does not have these posted on their community bulletin board, please give a copy to your principal to post. Teachers and staff are encouraged to refer families who need help.

Join JAGC For More Resources!

Become a member of JAGC and get the CAGT monthly news with great gifted and talented events, resources and enrichment. Only available to members!

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Visit jeffcogifted.org for more info

Jeffco GT Dept. Info

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



Cognitive Abilities Test Parent Seminar Dec. 7

Jeffco Gifted and Talented Dept. is hosting a virtual Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) parent seminar on Dec. 7 from 6-8 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](#).



Gifted and Talented Dept. Staff Presentations at the Colorado Association for Gifted & Talented Conference

Several Gifted and Talented Dept. staff presented at the CAGT Dept. staff presented at the CAGT conference in October. Congratulations on being chosen to participate and thanks for sharing your expertise!

- Tina Glass & Diana Caldiera: *Exceptional? Challenging? Transforming 2E Structures in a Public School Setting*
- Maria Caviness-French: *Coaching Reluctant Schools to Engage in Cognitive Ability Data*
- Jenny Fredrickson and Tonia Heffley: *Prepared to Soar? Helping Gifted Learners Use Their Wings*
- Jennifer Webb, Maria Caviness-French, and others (including Connie Brown): *Changing the Secondary Conversation: Rigor v. Vigor*
- Lindsey Reinert: *Development of Learning Profiles for Increasing Identifications in Underrepresentation*
- Maria Caviness-French: *Connecting to the Quantitative & Non-Verbal Strengths of GT Readers*
- Benjamin Hershelman & Jenny Fredrickson: *The Adventures of a Lifetime: Successful Transitions for 2e Students*

Oct. 4 Seth Perler Family Learning Presentation Video Available

Seth Perler's [presentation](#) on executive skills for students is available for viewing on the Jeffco Gifted & Talented website.

Resources for High School Students

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

Calendar & Events

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

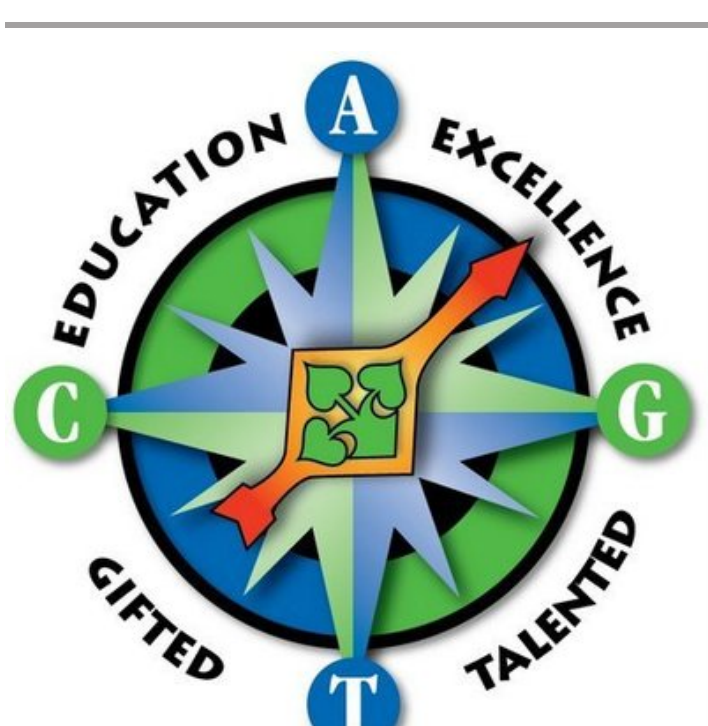
- [Center for Bright Kids Homecoming Dec. 3](#)
- [CU Wizards science exploration monthly programs](#)
- [Denver Writes Workshops virtual and in-person](#)
- [PEN Parent Engagement Network events](#)
- [Bein-Blank Center Gifted Education online classes and conferences](#)
- [Hoagies Gifted list of conferences](#)



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](#).

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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