



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN



October 2021

Hello Families,

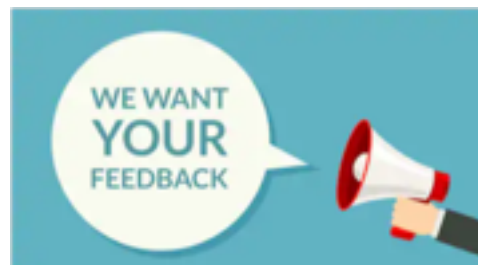
Parent-teacher conferences are coming soon. Check out JAGC's [conference checklist](#) for information on planning for an effective conference, advocating for your child, and your role in Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs). Parents are required participants in developing and monitoring ALPs. Find out more about parent roles in ALPs on our [Newsletter Links](#) page under General Parent Info.

Upcoming events from the GT Dept.:

- Oct. 5 - parent seminar featuring Catherine Zakoian, who will present on children who are gifted, twice-exceptional (2e), and profoundly gifted
- Oct. 15 - applications are due for Gifted & Talented Center Placement and Identification



JAGC Info



JAGC Family Survey

Thanks to everyone who has completed the JAGC family survey. If you haven't added your thoughts, you can still participate [here](#). We'll gather responses soon for our programming for the year. We appreciate your input! You can also email info@jeffcogifted.org with your ideas.

What Does JAGC Do For You?

A lot! We are parents, teachers and students who advocate for the educational and social needs of gifted and talented students. Here's an example:



- **Do you have a middle school student taking high school math or world language courses?** Your student can now [receive high school credit](#) for those courses, thanks in part to JAGC.

Programs cost money! Become a [JAGC member](#) to help us with programming. If you have questions or are not receiving what you need, contact us. We're here to help. Email info@jeffcogifted.org or visit us on [Facebook](#).

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Join a JAGC Work Group

Don't have time to serve on the board? Join a JAGC work group! Community Outreach, Communications, Legislative, GT Champion and Membership/Involvement. We have resources available to help you, so let us know how we can help you get involved. Email info@jeffcogifted.org to get started.



Jeffco GT Dept. Info

GT Dept. Links

[September GT Gazette](#)

[List of Jeffco GT staff](#)

[Parent/Family Resources page](#)

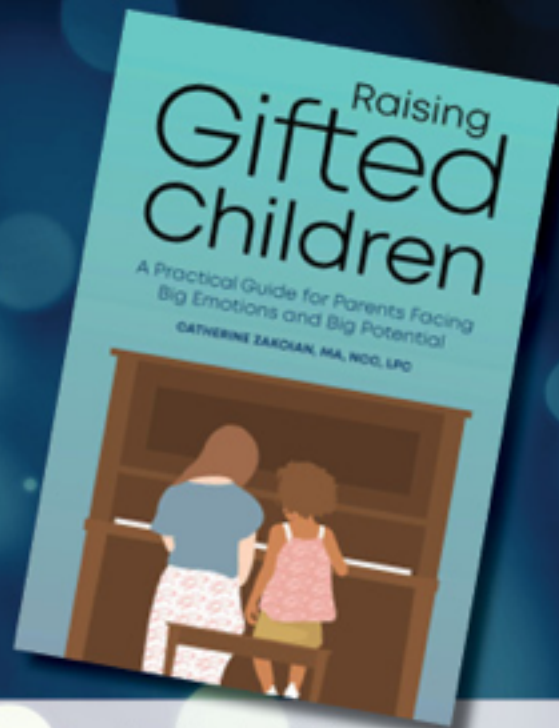
GT Info Night Recap

If you were not able to attend the Sept. 15 GT Info Night presentation, please see these [slides](#) and [video](#) to learn more about gifted identification and programming, including info on Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs) and GT Center Schools.

Jeffco GT Parent Seminar

Raising Gifted Children

Featuring
Catherine Zakoian



Tuesday, October 5, 6:15-8 PM
Jeffco Education Center Board Room

[GT Parent/Family Learning Night Oct. 5](#)

6:15-8 PM, Jeffco Ed Center Boardroom, Golden CO 80401

Catherine Zakoian will be presenting on children who are gifted, twice-exceptional (2e), and profoundly gifted. Her educational consultation practice provides guidance on creating psychologically healthy educational environments, authentic leadership and program development, and meaningful educator self-awareness and care within well-recognized public, independent, and alternative PreK-12 programs and schools serving gifted and neurotypical populations. She has presented regionally, nationally and internationally on giftedness.

Gifted & Talented Center Placement and Identification - Applications Due Oct. 15

The fall 2021 [GT Center Application](#) is for students testing for the 2022-23 school year for enrollment in one of Jeffco's [17 GT Center Schools](#). For more information on the process, please visit the [GT Identification and Assessment website](#).

Use the [Academic ID Referral link](#) if you are looking for GT identification only and not GT Center placement. Use the GT Center application to apply for GT Center.

After your forms are submitted, you will be notified of your child's testing date, either on Oct. 23 or Oct. 30. This is the only testing that will occur during the 2021-2022 school year.

JEFFCO FAMILY BOOK STUDY GROUPS

4 Online Groups Starting in September

- Smart Parenting for Smart Kids
- Make Your Worrier a Warrior
- A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children
- Understanding Your Gifted Child, From the Inside Out

Family Book Study Groups

Jeffco's free monthly [family book study groups](#) are underway or starting soon. Hosted by GT Social Emotional Learning Counselors, the groups provide an opportunity for families to learn about their GT child(ren) and to connect with other families who understand the unique joys and challenges of raising GT kids. [Register here](#).



Jeffco GT Advisory Council Needs Members

The Jeffco GT Dept. has an advisory group and is looking for one member:

- **A secondary student from central Jeffco** (Golden HS, Green Mountain HS, Wheat Ridge HS, Jefferson HS, Alameda HS, Lakewood HS articulation areas)

The Gifted & Talented Advisory Council meets quarterly to help the Jeffco GT Dept. plan their strategy to best meet the needs of gifted learners, and to review its current practices and services. Find out more about GTAC [here](#). If you are interested, please contact the GT Dept. at 303-982-6650 or email gtinform@jeffco.k12.co.us.



Calendar & Events

Coming to Denver in November -



National Association for Gifted Children Conference

The Colorado Association for Gifted & Talented is hosting this year's National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Convention Nov. 11-14 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Aurora. In addition to four days of expert speakers and dozens of breakout sessions and special sessions, there will also be pre-convention workshops (separate registration required) along with many topics for parents on Saturday. Click [here](#) for information and to register. If you want to attend [virtually](#), there is also that option.



Center for Bright Kids Western Academic Talent Search (WATS) for Gifted Students Grades 3-9 - Testing Starts in Oct.

Center for Bright Kids (CBK) is the regional talent center in the Rocky Mountain area providing summer programs and other youth programs. Testing runs from October-February. Please see the [CBK website](#) for testing dates.



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](#)



Resources

Learning Supports

[Examples of Student Introductions for Teachers](#)



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

[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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