



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

# JAGC NEWS

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children

## September 2020

Welcome back to school! This has been a challenging time for everyone: school administrators, teachers, parents and students. JAGC is here to help navigate this unprecedented year. We will be offering updated information on our [Facebook](#) page and will host Town Halls during the school year. We will also be forming virtual parent groups for specific interests. We'll be sending a form to gauge interest, or email us with your ideas.

Our first Town Hall this summer discussed [gifted & talented school options and social-emotional needs](#). Let us know what topics you would find helpful at [info@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:info@jeffcogifted.org) or post on our [Facebook](#) page. And as always, [email us](#) with any questions, concerns and ideas. On to the news...



### JAGC Info

[JAGC virtual board meeting Sept. 8 - Community Forum 6-7 PM](#)

[July 21 Town Hall on Gifted & Talented School Options](#)

Please check out the attached examples of student introductions for teachers. Would your student like to create an About Me brochure for their teacher?

[Join JAGC](#)



### Jeffco GT Dept. Info

# JEFFCO VIRTUAL

## GT Information Night

SEPT. 16, 6:30 PM  
JOIN VIA ZOOM

### Gifted & Talented Virtual Information Night Sept. 16

Families can learn about GT centers and programming at the Jeffco GT Virtual Information Night starting at 6:30 PM. Check the [Jeffco GT Dept website](#) for info and the Zoom link.



### Gifted & Talented Center Placement & Advanced Learning Plans - Applications Due Oct. 14

Wondering if you should apply for Gifted & Talented Center placement or an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP)? You can find the presentation from last year's GT Information Night [here](#) or you can contact JAGC with questions at [info@jeffcogifted.org](mailto:info@jeffcogifted.org).

Applications for Gifted & Talented Center placement and the Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) close at 4 PM on Oct. 14. Find more information on Jeffco gifted & talented identification [here](#).

--[Gifted Center Application](#)

--[Advanced Learning Plan \(ALP\) application](#) This form should be completed for students who are only seeking gifted & talented identification for an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP), are planning to remain at their current neighborhood, option or charter school, and are not interested in attending a GT Center school.

Once forms are submitted, you will be notified of your child's testing date, either on Oct. 10 or Oct. 24. This is the only testing that will occur during the 2020-2021 school year.



### Parent/Family Support Groups

Formerly known as SENG groups, these groups are continuing this year with virtual options offered once a month on various nights. Check the [Parent Support Group page](#) after Sept. 1 for more info.

### Additional Family Resources

Please see the [Parent/Family Resources page](#) for advocacy resources and other useful links.

## Changes in GT Staffing This Year

A large number of GT staff have been reassigned to cover classrooms this year. The GT Dept. appreciates everyone's patience and understanding!

[List of Jeffco GT staff](#)



## Calendar & Events



### [CAGT Virtual Conference - Oct. 19-20](#)

Normally \$400 for both days, the virtual conference is \$240 (\$290 after Sept. 18) and includes access to every conference session for a limited time after the virtual event has ended. The virtual [Family Institute](#) for families or any adult raising gifted children is Oct. 19 from 5:30-9 PM and is \$20. Presentations will be available to registrants for a limited time after the event.

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

### [Discover Tech Virtual Programs for Girls at School of Mines - Starting in Sept.](#)

DECtech at Colorado School of Mines introduces girls in grades 3-12 to STEM subjects through fun, hands-on activities.

### [Transportation and Construction GIRL Virtual Week - Sept. 28-Oct. 2](#)

Learn about careers in transportation and construction and win prizes.



## For Parents

### For Parents New to Gifted & Talented (GT)

Parents are often looking for useful resources in gifted education, especially those new to the Jeffco GT program. JAGC offers resources on our website. Look for information for [elementary students](#) and [Is My Child Gifted?](#) under the Resources tab as well as helpful [handouts](#) and [websites, books, and resources](#). To learn about GT kids with learning differences, see the [Twice Exceptional](#) page.



### [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 serving seven states and providing summer and other

youth programs. Testing runs from October-Feb. Please see the [CBK website](#) for testing options this year.

## College News



### [Colorado FREE Application Day for College - Oct. 13](#)

All 32 public colleges and universities in Colorado and several private institutions will allow students to apply for free.

### [Area College & Job Fairs](#)

### [College Application Deadlines](#)

## Resources

### Back to School Resources

[Back to School Checklists \(CDC\)](#)

[Back to School Resource Roundup \(NAGC\)](#)

[Set Yourself Up for School Year Success \(CO Parent\)](#)

[Strategies for Students Learning Online \(Edmentum\)](#)

[Advocating for Gifted Services \(NAGC\)](#)

### Learning Supports

[Examples of Student Introductions for Teachers](#)

[Translating IEP Goals to Home During COVID Using SEL Fundamentals](#)

[Sample Virtual IEP Meeting](#)

[How to Speak IEP](#)

## 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

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