

# September: Parenting Your GT Child

East Central BOCES Gifted & Talented Family Newsletter 2022

## Gifted 101: What Does it Mean?

If you have been notified by the school that your child is gifted, you may be wondering exactly what this means. Gifted in what? Or, how was this determined? The state of Colorado uses strict criteria for identification of gifted students in the following areas: General Intellectual Ability, Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Leadership, Dance, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Music, Creative or Productive Thinking, and Psychomotor. A student can be identified in more than one area if there is sufficient data to back that up.

Once a student has been formally identified as gifted, an Advanced Learning Plan is created. Each year, the ALP will have updated goals, including an academic goal and an affective goal, as required by law. These goals should reflect the type of programming that will be used to support your student.

For high achieving students whose data does not quite meet the legal criteria for gifted identification, a "talent pool" is created. Students in the talent pool are given appropriately challenging programming and are often invited to regional events but an ALP is not required. Gifted coordinators periodically scan their current testing data to determine whether or not they will qualify for identification.

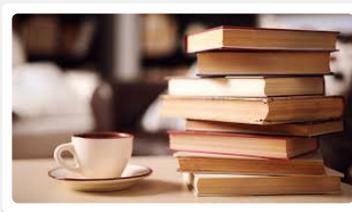
For more general information on what it means to be gifted, check out the following links:

[Gifted 101, NAGC Tip Sheet](#)

[Parent's Corner, CDE gifted education page](#)

For specific questions about how gifted education works in Colorado, click on this link:

[Gifted Identification Frequently Asked Questions](#)



# Student Regional Events

## Student Events

Throughout the school year, ECBOCES organizes events for gifted and talent pool students from the 20 schools in our BOCES. The goals of these events are to not only offer opportunities for new learning but also to provide a place where gifted students can meet others who are similar to themselves.

## Celebrating the World of Waves

- September 23rd at the Deer Trail School
- For gifted and talent pool students in grades 3-6 who have been invited by their school's gifted coordinator
- CU Science Discovery will teach three workshops that focus on the role of waves in science, technology, innovation and research.

## The Summit

- November (exact date TBD) at Lincoln Health in Hugo
- For gifted and talent pool students in grades 7-12 who have been invited by their school's gifted coordinator
- This event will focus on careers in the medical field

## Random, Weird, and Interesting Links for Gifted Students

Parents, please check out these links before sharing with your children.

### [Astronomy Pictures of the Day](#)

This is a NASA site worth checking out often! Each interesting picture has a thorough, NASA-like description with links to more information. An interested student could spend a LOT of time on one picture!

### [A Video of Stunningly Clear Ice](#)

Can you imagine walking across this body of frozen water?

### [Clouds Forming in the Grand Canyon](#)

After watching this, ask your child what questions they have and help them research their curiosities.



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