

# September: Parenting Your GT Child

East Central BOCES Gifted & Talented Parent Newsletter, 2023

## *This Month's Hot Topic in Gifted*

### **Advanced Learning Plan: What is it?**

If you do not completely understand your child's ALP, you are likely not alone. The Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) is a legal document [22-20-R-12.00,C.R.S.] describing the intended programming for formally identified gifted students. Standards aligned goals are required in each area the student is identified. The academic goals need to be strength based and the plans are also required to have an affective goal. Affective goals may address a strength, like the academic goals, or they may be used to address a challenge your child may be experiencing. Some common affective goals address anxiety, perfectionism, procrastination, disorganization, etc. Goals need to be updated yearly. Students in the Talent Pool are not required to have an ALP.



In our districts, the goal is to have your child's ALP completed by Oct. 1st. Some districts have parent conferences in mid October so you should see it by then. District GT coordinators often work closely with your child's classroom teachers to develop a realistic goal that the teacher can support in the classroom. Parents can also provide input or feedback on the goals. Your child should also be involved in the goal development.

ALP goals are progress monitored mid-year, likely at the second set of parent conferences, and again at the end of the school year.

[ALP information from Colorado Dept. of Education](#)

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## *Student Regional Events*

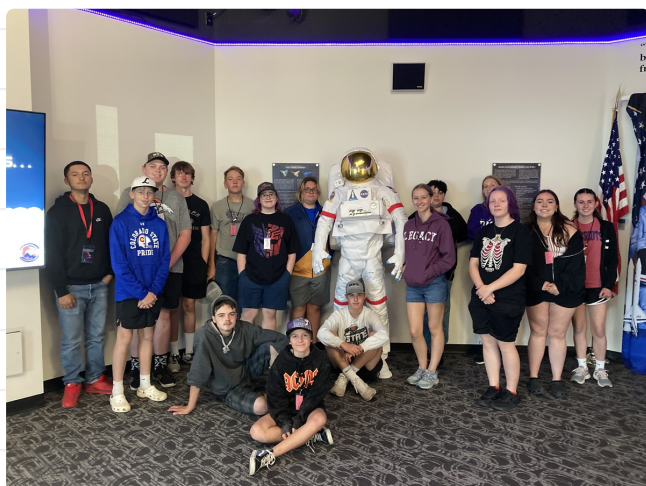
### **The Ultimate Scavenger Hunt**

Each spring, ECBOCES partners with NEBOCES to take our 7th-12th grade gifted and talent pool students on a three day adventure. It's called the Ultimate Scavenger Hunt and we're always in

search of something. Last spring's theme was, "In Search of the Future". We took 60 students to La Foret in the Black Forest. Our academic programming included a trip to Mars, via the Challenger Learning Center's simulation, a World of 100 activity, and a STEAM activity involving repurposing plastics. The physical activities included a zipline and ropes course.



Stay tuned for next spring's Ultimate Scavenger Hunt: In Search of Excellence. Information will be available 2nd semester. The event usually takes place Tues-Thurs immediately following Memorial Day.



**Challenger Learning Center**



**Ropes Course at La Foret**

## **Ultimate Celebration**

This event is for gifted and talent pool students in grades 3-6. This fall's event is on Sept. 22nd and the theme is "Celebrate Creativity". Students will rotate through four workshops including calligraphy, comic book making, storytelling, and a STEAM activity.

## **Ultimate Summit**

This event is for 7th-12th grade gifted and talent pool students. The Summit events focus on careers and this year's theme is "Technology in Agriculture". Students will visit one agricultural operation to learn about how they use technology and will hear from owners of two others. This event is on Oct. 17th. Watch for information to come from your district's GT coordinator.

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## *Random, Weird, and Interesting Links for Curious Kids*

**As always, be sure to check out these links before sending your child out into the webs!**

Have you ever seen a 3-D printed home? [This one](#) was printed in less than 24 hours!

Here is a beautiful, yet terrifying, photo of Mexico's [Colima Volcano](#) as it erupts.

Have you ever tried creating a stop-motion video? Here is a [cool one](#) to check out. Here is a youtube video showing [how to create your own stop-motion video using a phone](#).

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