

SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO REGION - Gifted Education (970) 769-2187

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Important Dates

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*September 27
John Kaufman,
Torrance Test of Creative
Thinking Training
Durango*

*October 3-4
Gifted Education Directors'
Meeting
Breckenridge*

*October 10-11
Colorado Association for
Gifted and Talented
Annual Conference (CAGT)
www.coloradogifted.org*

*October 24 – 6:30-8:00
Regional Parent Meeting
Durango featuring Terry
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*October 25 8:30-3:30
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*October 26
Thinking Maps Follow-up
Ignacio*

*November 1-5
National Association for
Gifted Children Annual
Conference (NAGC)
New Orleans*

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*Gifted student learning and
Growth Ensured by Provisions
and Advocacy*

San Juan BOCES Gifted Education Priorities 2011-12

The following goals were identified in response to our Colorado Gifted Education Review results. They reflect our Timeline for Improvement developed in January of 2011. Baseline data was collected in April of 2011 and related professional development was planned for this school year. The SJBoces website has been updated. We are well on our way to achieving our action plan!

Collect baseline data by April 2011 and identify goals for the AU and for each district to:

- Increase proportionality of under-represented groups
- Increase the number of students identified in the talent areas (previously identified by "other.")

ACTION:

- Provide professional development to districts on characteristics of gifted students from less-represented groups
- Provide professional development to districts on how to collect a body of evidence for identification in the talent areas
- Assist with the selection of appropriate assessments and tools to identify under-represented students and students in the talent areas

Collect baseline data by April 2011 and identify a bank of ALP goals and ways to measure growth for students K-12

- Re-administer survey to students in grades K-12 April of 2012 to measure degree of increased attention to social-emotional and career-guidance needs.

ACTION:

- Provide opportunities for collaboration and develop a bank of ALP goals in the social-emotional and career-guidance areas
- Provide professional development regarding strategies and curriculum to address student needs in these areas

Gifted Education Directors' Meeting – Featuring Jane Piirto on Creativity

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Fall State Gifted Education Directors' and Coordinators' meeting on October 3 & 4 at The Village in Breckenridge. You are encouraged to bring at least one colleague. The cost of 2 nights lodging for one person will be covered by CDE. Others who wish to attend may be reimbursed from GERC Grant Funds. More information will be coming. Let me know if you want to attend!



CAGT

Please plan to attend the annual Colorado Gifted and Talented State Conference on October 10-12, 2011. Check out the website: www.coloradogifted.org. The annual Leadership Breakfast for administrators is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2009.

NAGC in Denver, Fall 2012

Denver will be hosting the National NAGC Conference next fall! Keep this in mind as you consider staff development opportunities for your teachers/staff next year. This is an excellent opportunity for Colorado teachers to hear and learn from national and international experts in gifted education. Given the connection between 21st Century Skills, the new standards and effective practice for gifted students, this could be a great way to address building needs.

Professional Development on the Western Slope

Gifted Education GERC Grant Funds can support travel costs to professional development in our part of the region/state.

- Carolyn Coil will present on Differentiated Instruction in Alamosa on September 9.
- Julia Barnett-Watson will follow-up training on Thinking Maps on October 26 in Ignacio
- Michael Clay Thompson will present on gifted Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary in Montrose on April 25.

On-Line Professional Development 2011-12 Mark Your Calendars!

All Javits on-line classes will be again offered throughout the year. A complete list is available: http://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/download/pdf/Javits_StatewideModule.pdf



State Reform Initiatives: Support and Alignment through Gifted Education

STANDARDS: Increase student learning through teacher mastery and delivery of curriculum to address Colorado's academic standards.

Gifted Education: Promote 21st Century and workforce readiness skills

ASSESSMENTS: Developing a new statewide assessment system aligned to the expectations of the updated standards.

Gifted Education: Performance and growth of gifted students, alternative/interim assessments

ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPPORT: Building a unified, statewide system of accountability and support that includes leveraging high-quality information to drive increased school and district performance.

Gifted Education: Gifted student achievement targets, identifying gaps

TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EFFECTIVENESS: Ensuring all students have access to effective teachers and principals

Gifted Education: Increase capacity of educators, top dozen effective instructional strategies for (gifted) students

INCREASED AWARENESS AND TRAINING:

Advancing Colorado's statewide education reform agenda through implementation and by building widespread knowledge and awareness among educators, community leaders and other interested parties

Gifted Education: What are our high expectations for gifted students?