



What is CAGT?

The *Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented* (CAGT) is an affiliate of the *National Association for Gifted Children*, a national advocacy group.

CAGT is a non-profit organization. CAGT sponsors an annual conference featuring national and international speakers for teachers, school administration and parents to attend to further their knowledge of the nature and needs of gifted children. CAGT sponsors a Parent Institute in connection with the conference. CAGT sponsors an annual Legislative Day at the State Capitol, connecting students, teachers and parents with state lawmakers. CAGT offers an E-newsletter, the Kaleidoscope, to its members along with periodic updates of state and national issues that affect gifted education. The CAGT web site offers up-dates of conferences, literature, general information and links that relate to gifted education. CAGT promotes and supports the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) white paper, a research study of education in STEM subjects in Colorado. CAGT has local Affiliate organizations across the state who benefit from the leadership of CAGT. For more information about the organization please visit: www.coloradogifted.org

What is gifted?

"Gifted and talented children" refers to those persons between the ages of five and twenty-one whose abilities, talents, and potential for accomplishment are so exceptional or developmentally advanced that they require special provisions to meet their educational needs.

Colorado Exceptional Children's Education Act
(1CCR 301-8, Sec. 8)

Being gifted and misunderstood by educators and other adults can lead to traumatic experiences in a young child's life:

- Einstein flunked out of math – and was seven years old before he could read.
- Thomas Edison, as a boy, was told by a teacher that he was "too stupid to learn."

Gifted children can often experience stress related to social isolation, mismatched placement in school without other intellectually similar peers, asynchronicity of development, tendencies toward perfectionism, and intense sensitivities in multiple domains. It is not just about schooling.

- *"Sometimes, when a friend asks me a question and I can't answer it, I feel like I've let him down."*
Paul age 13
- *"Sometimes, I wish I was less intelligent so I could accept defeat better. I always think, I'm so intelligent, I should be getting an "A" no matter what the subject is."*
Missy age 17

Your contributions will provide increased opportunities for professional training, parent support and public awareness so that gifted children may reach a level of excellence that will make a world of difference for generations to come.

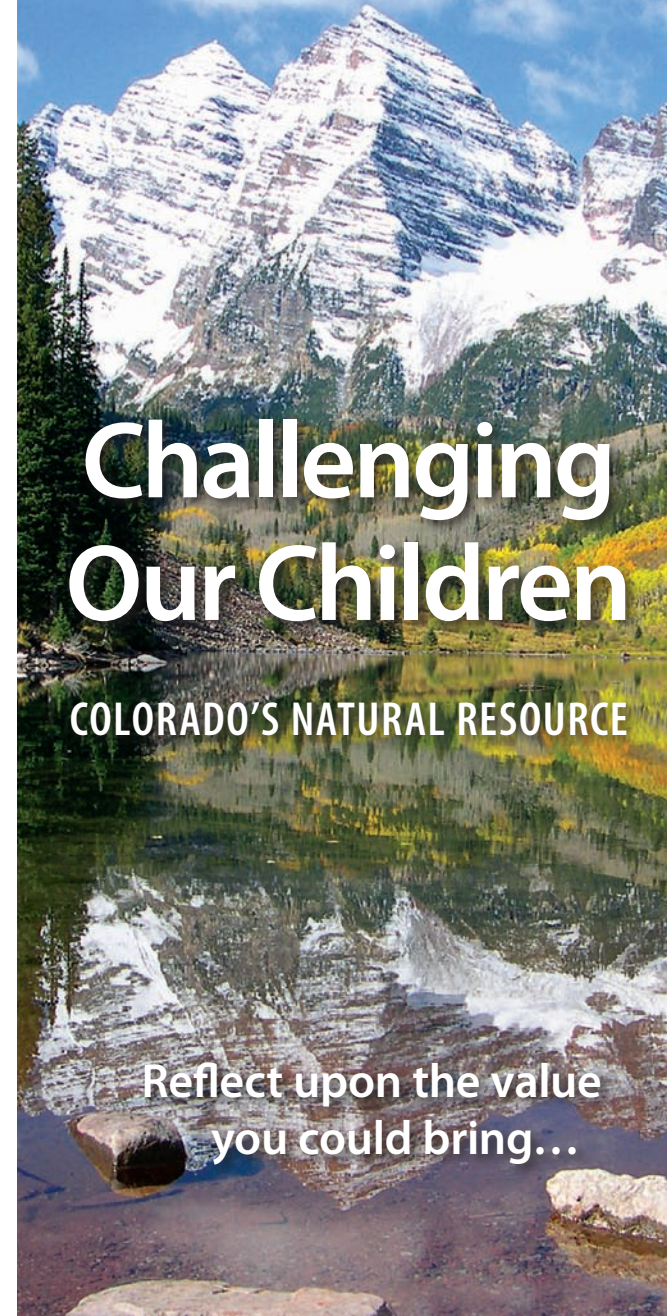
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All donations would be greatly appreciated, accounted for, and used for furthering the dissemination of information about the unique needs of gifted children and for the advocacy of those gifted students.



Challenging Our Children

COLORADO'S NATURAL RESOURCE

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for Gifted and Talented*

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What you will receive as a sponsor:

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Remembered Child/Teacher.*

What are the Results of my Gift?

Invest in Future Scientists, Physicians, Artists and Leaders. Gifted education helps groom the scientists, physicians and researchers of the future, who may not achieve their full intellectual and emotional potential without specialized, guided education.

Invest in the Community of Children.

The instructional and creative strategies applied in gifted education help to develop potential in all children in the classroom by connecting them to real world learning experiences. All children benefit intellectually when individual strengths are challenged in an encouraging environment.

Invest in Lower Drop-out rates.

Many highly gifted individuals are vulnerable to underachievement and dropping out of school when academic needs and intellectual abilities are not recognized and supported by trained professionals.

BECAUSE LOST POTENTIAL IS IMMEASURABLE.