

Websites for Educators and Parents

Center for Gifted Education at William and Mary

<http://www.wm.edu/education/gifted.html>

The Center for Gifted Education, created under the direction of Dr. Joyce Van Tassel-Baska, has been in operation at the College of William and Mary since 1987. It has enjoyed a rich history of involvement with state and national audiences of gifted children, their parents and their schools. It represents a national model for a synergistic response to the need for better collaboration between schools of education and K-12 education. At the same time, the Center remains grounded in the core endeavors of teaching, research, and scholarship. The Center develops and publishes curriculum units for classroom use with gifted learners from elementary through high school.

Center for Talent Development

<http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu>

The web site for the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University lists all of their programs including detailed information about summer, Saturday, and distance learning courses. It also has an annotated bibliography for parents and educators along with articles on issues in gifted education. The web site also contains helpful links to other informational sites.

Davidson Institute

<http://www.ditd.org>

Davidson Institute supports profoundly gifted young people – to recognize, nurture and support, and to provide opportunities to develop talents in positive ways.

Gifted Development Center, Denver CO

<http://www.gifteddevelopment.com>

The Gifted Development center serves parents, schools, and advocacy groups with information about identification, assessment, counseling, learning styles, programs, presentations, and resources for gifted children and adults.

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY), Baltimore, MD

<http://www.jhu.edu>

CTY conducts national and international talent searches; provides challenging and innovative learning opportunities in math, science, and the humanities in summer programs, distance learning programs and conferences.

National Association for Gifted Children

<http://nagc.org>

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is an organization of parents, educators, other professionals and community leaders to address the unique needs of children and youth with demonstrated gifts and talents as well as those children who may be able to develop their talent potential with appropriate educational experiences. This site has resources, legislative updates, and research links.

Mensa International

<http://www.mensa.org> or <http://www.us.mensa.org>

The association is for children and adults with high IQ's. Mensa "provides a forum for intellectual exchange among members. Its activities include the exchange of ideas by lectures, discussions, journals, special interest groups, and local, regional, national and international gatherings; the investigations of members' opinions and attitudes; and assistance to researches inside and outside Mensa, in projects dealing with intelligence or Mensa.

Sacramento State Academic Talent Search (ATS)

<http://edweb.csus.edu/projects/ats/aboutats.htm>

Since 1982, ATS has offered acceleration opportunities as well as enrichment coursework to sixth through ninth grade students (students entering grades seven through ten) from throughout the greater Sacramento region. Beginning in summer 2009, ATS will also offer courses for students currently in grades four and five. Classes are held on the Sacramento State campus, giving participants the opportunity to sample university life at an early age. Parents report that the collegiate environment is beneficial in developing students' self-confidence and independence.