

WHAT IS WCAGT?

WCAGT is a support, enrichment and advocacy group for families of gifted children in School District 51 and the Grand Valley area, including those in private schools or home-schooled.

WCAGT is in an exciting period of **revitalization**, at a time in Colorado when high quality education and serving the **special needs of the gifted & talented** is ever more crucial. Throughout the school year, **guest speakers** will help equip parents to educate, enrich and advocate for their gifted & talented kids from early childhood through high school and help us all understand why that truly matters. WCAGT members have free access to a **lending library** of the latest publications about raising and educating gifted children. In the spring, **Super Saturday** will continue a long tradition of fascinating learning from community experts. Our WCAGT website, **www.gifted51.org**, has links to local and national resources, as well as an **e-newsletter** to keep you informed of events and issues of interest. **We invite you to join WCAGT** and find the support you seek!

WCAGT GOALS

- Provide parents and educators with support and information about giftedness
- Offer events and help parents find a variety of enrichment activities for their children
- Maintain open communication between School District #51 and WCAGT
- Increase parental awareness and involvement in the GT program at each school

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED CHILDREN

- Early language development
- Exceptional powers of observation
- Exceptional curiosity
- Learns rapidly, readily applies new knowledge
- Good memory
- Unexpected depth of knowledge
- High energy
- Resolves conflicts with verbal skills
- Uses verbal skills to influence others
- Organizes collections, people, ideas
- Long attention span (especially in areas of interest)
- Extensive vocabulary
- Demonstrates compassion
- Strong sense of justice
- Enjoys imaginative, creative play
- Prefers older companions
- Likes to experiment or do things differently
- Unusual sense of humor in use of language, creativity, or subtlety
- Early or avid reader with great comprehension
- Ability with puzzles, mazes, numbers
- Intense concentration
- Recognizes patterns easily
- Questions unjust authority
- Great perseverance in areas of interest
- Strong sense of self
- Makes complex/unusual connections
- High expectations of self and others, often overly critical of self
- Intense need for meaning and purpose

QUESTIONS PARENTS OF GIFTED CHILDREN OFTEN ASK:

- How can I tell if my child is gifted?
- So, my child is gifted – now what?
- What are the special emotional needs of the gifted child?
- What are the unique needs of the highly gifted?
- How do I advocate for my child in the public school system?
- Where can I go to meet other parents with gifted children?
- How can I get more information on the gifted?
- Where can I find enrichment activities for my child?
- What happens if my child doesn't get what s/he needs?
- What if my child is twice-exceptional?

IF YOU HAVE ASKED ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, MAYBE

**WCAGT
CAN HELP!**

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Informative Guest Speakers
- Parent Support Groups
- Website Resources and E-mail News
- Lending Library
- Newsletter
- Super Saturday Discount & Early Registration
- Special Enrichment Programs
- Reduced registration fees for WCAGT activities
- Advocacy for your child's GT education
- Year-round advocacy for high-ability learners in the Grand Valley

DUES (2006-2007)

\$15 per year WCAGT membership

\$55 per year for Joint Membership in WCAGT and CAGT (Colorado Assn. for Gifted and Talented)

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Yes! Sign me up today! I want to join WCAGT and help to support the high-ability learners in the Grand Valley!

Name _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Present school(s) _____

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