

PTA Council Gifted & Talented Services Committee

Parent Resources*

Associations

CAG- Connecticut Association for the Gifted, online at <http://www.ctgifted.org/>

NAGC – National Association for Gifted Children, online at <http://www.nagc.org/>

SENG – Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, online at <http://www.sengifted.org/>. Free email newsletter.

Online Resources

Hoagies’ Gifted Education Page - <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>, the award winning "All Things Gifted" resource for parents, teachers, administrators, mental health professionals, and gifted kids and adults

Gifted and Talented Law – please visit the CT.gov web site:

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320938>

CT State Dept. of Education

Gifted and Talented Information for Parents , <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320852>

Gifted and Talented – QA - <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320948>

Gifted and Talented Associations - <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320942>

Gifted and Talented - Organizations and Programs,

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320944>

Gifted and Talented – Links - <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320940>

Gifted and Talented - 10 Big Ideas, Pamphlets: 10 BIG IDEAS (for little money) that can increase the challenge level for high-achieving students, <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320854>

CT State Board of Education Position Statement on the Education of Gifted and Talented Students

http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/Curriculum/gifted_and_talented/gt_position_statement.pdf

An excerpt: “No society can afford to neglect its human talent. The Board therefore encourages the state’s public school districts to continue and to enhance their efforts to develop and implement a planned, suitable, challenging and integrated program of instruction for each gifted and talented student.”

National PTA’s Statement on Education Emphasis: <http://www.pta.org/1748.htm>

An excerpt: “National PTA especially recognizes the special needs of underserved populations including children with disabilities, limited English proficient children, homeless children, migrant children, gifted and talented children, and undocumented children in our nation’s schools.”

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Books

These books “prove helpful in appreciating the complex development of talent. Parents are instrumental in the development of such talent regardless of the kind or type and whether as cheerleaders, taxi drivers, or financiers of such talent, parents’ roles change in accordance with the stage or phase of talent development.” Dr. Jennifer L. Jolly, Editor Parenting for High Potential, a publication of NAGC

- Developing Talent in Young People (1985) by Benjamin Bloom
- The Development of Giftedness and Talent Across the Life Span (2009) edited by Frances Degen Horowitz, Rena F. Subotnik, and Dona J. Matthews

Programs

Fairfield Math Club - This not-for-profit math club is organized and run by volunteer parents and staffed by volunteer high-school students and has been meeting at the Fairfield Main Library, but due to increased membership is now looking for a larger meeting facility. Two parents from Tomlinson and one from RLMS will be running the club using the curriculum planned by founder Mousumi Bhattacharya, PhD., Associate Professor of Business at Fairfield University. The mission of the club is to provide service to the community by increasing awareness and preparedness of students in Fairfield County for nationally acclaimed math contests. These include Math Olympiad for Elementary and Middle Schools (MOEMS) and Math League for grades 3-5 and MOEMS and Annual American Mathematics Competition (AMC) for grades 6-8. The club meets on Saturday afternoons from September through mid-March.

The club has been operating for six years and is open to 3rd-8th graders scoring in the top 10th percentile on standardized math exams, including the CMTs. If the club continues to use a town facility sponsored by any town department (i.e. does not incur any rental cost), the practice sessions would remain free for Fairfield town residents. The organizations that sponsor MOEMS, AMC and Math League competitions charge Fairfield Math Club members dues ranging from \$20-\$40 to participate in the competitions. Practice sessions and competitions are separate and discrete.

Plans for the coming school year will be finalized at the end of June and may include an open house on June 22. In person registration will be held on Saturday, August 29 and will also be the first class (practice session). The first class is an opportunity to decide if the club is a fit for you and your child. In order to join the email news list for the Fairfield Math Club, please fill in your name, email address and child’s grade on the **Fairfield Math Club Form**. Mousumi will send out emails in late June alerting you to open houses, registration dates, and class schedules. Parents wishing to join the email list after tonight’s event may email Mousumi at mbhatt@yahoo.com.

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Programs (continued)

Johns Hopkins University - Center for Talented Youth (JHU-CTY), <http://cty.jhu.edu/>

CTY shares with its parent organization, the Johns Hopkins University, a three-part mission of teaching, research, and service. CTY is a self-supporting, not-for-profit unit of The Johns Hopkins University.

More specifically, CTY:

- Seeks students of the highest academic ability through its talent search and offers them challenging educational opportunities that develop the intellect, encourage achievement, and nurture social development.
 - **The Talent Search** is open to gifted students in grades 2-8 and is designed to identify, challenge, and reward academically able young people. Talent Search applications are accepted online <http://cty.jhu.edu/ts/index.html> and qualifying applicants (95th percentile +) receive an authorization code to take the SCAT test which measures above-grade-level math or language arts reasoning abilities (or both if your child qualifies) up to two grade levels above their current grade. Those with qualifying scores on the SCAT exam receive access to CTY fee-based programs, including online courseware in math and language arts developed to meet the unique needs of our nation's brightest students. CTY is accredited for grades five through twelve by The Commission on Secondary Schools of the [Middle States Association](#) of Colleges and Schools. CTY Talent Search application fee = **\$35** and SCAT Test registration fee = **\$50**. **Please allow your child to take the sample tests available through the site before sitting for the test. The book "Daily Warm-Ups, Analogies, Level I" by Walch Publishing is helpful in exposing a child to analogies, which constitute the language arts section of the test.**
- Conducts research and evaluation studies that advance knowledge about gifted education; develops best practices in educating highly able children; and disseminates its findings to parents, the education community, and policymakers.
- Supports educators in their efforts to meet the needs of highly able students, assists parents in advocating for their gifted children, and participates actively in community service.

Davidson Institute for Talent Development - <http://www.davidsongifted.org/>

Davidson Young Scholars offers free services designed to nurture and support profoundly gifted students (99.9th percentile) under age 18, including a free day school in Nevada. They also offer a free educators guild for elementary, secondary and post-secondary educators. The Davidson Fellows Scholarship awards **\$50,000**, **\$25,000** and **\$10,000** scholarships to extraordinary young people under the age of 18 who have completed a significant piece of work.

Contests

2009 Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards seeks submissions of poetry or short stories from all students in grades 4 through 12 to help celebrate the great legacy of educator/creativity pioneer Dr. E. Paul Torrance. Winners will receive a cash award as well as publication of their entries. Deadline August 24, 2009. Please visit <http://ststesting.com/cw.html> for a complete description, accepted genres, eligibility, prizes, and a rules and entry form.