



# Nebraska Department of Education

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## High Ability Learning

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### Never Too Early to Start Planning!



As the 21-22 school year comes to an end, it is important to reflect on all of the wonderful things we have accomplished! I have had the pleasure of traveling across the beautiful state of Nebraska and talk with hundreds of educators this year, and there is SO much great stuff going on to support HAL students!

From family nights and student events, it has been a joy to spend this school year with all of you. In the midst of everything, it can be hard to remember all of the good you are doing for your child. Take a moment to write down 3 things that you are proud of from this school year. Remember all of the positives that have shaped you and your student. Most importantly, take time this summer to recharge!

As we look forward, it is never too early to put dates on the calendar! This newsletter will include dates of HAL events scheduled for the next school year, some great books for summer reading, and other opportunities.

## HAL Events 22-23 School Year



We have several exciting parent events coming up in the 22-23 school year! Make sure to take note of these dates and mark your calendars. All times are in CST. Registration links will be sent closer to the date of the event. Events will be recorded and posted on the HAL website.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – HAL Family Forum**

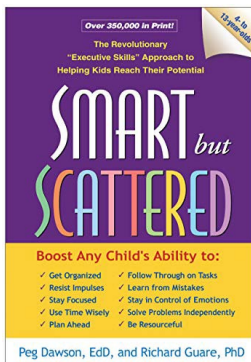
**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – HAL Family Event**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – HAL Family Event**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – HAL Family Event**

## Parent Books for Summer Reading

Summer is a great time to catch up on reading! We often do not have time during the school year to catch up on what is going on in the world of HAL. I have compiled a list of recommendations for your summer book list!

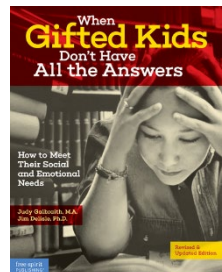


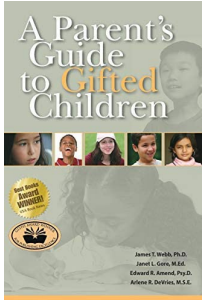
### [Smart but Scattered – Dawson & Guare](#)

“The latest research in child development shows that many kids who have the brain and heart to succeed lack or lag behind in crucial “executive skills”—the fundamental habits of mind required for getting organized, staying focused, and controlling impulses and emotions. Learn easy-to-follow steps to identify your child's strengths and weaknesses, use activities and techniques proven to boost specific skills, and problem-solve daily routines. Small changes can add up to big improvements—this empowering book shows how.”

### [When Gifted Kids Don't Have All the Answers – Galbraith & DeLisle](#)

“This book, now fully revised with updated information and new survey quotes, offers practical suggestions for addressing the social and emotional needs of gifted students. The authors present ways to advocate for gifted education; help gifted underachievers, perfectionists, and twice-exceptional students; and provide all gifted kids with a safe, supportive learning environment.”



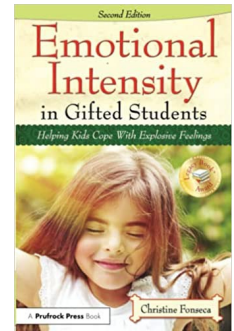


### [A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children – Webb, Gore, Amend, DeVries](#)

“Raising a gifted child is both a joy and a challenge, yet parents of gifted children have few resources for reliable parenting information. The four authors, who have decades of professional experience with gifted children and their families, provide practical guidance in areas such as: characteristics of gifted children, peer relations, sibling issues, motivation and underachievement, discipline issues, intensity and stress, depression and unhappiness, educational planning, parenting concerns, finding professional help, and much more.”

### [Emotional Intensity in Gifted Students - Fonseca](#)

“Teaching children how to manage their intense emotions is one of the most difficult aspects of parenting or educating gifted children. *Emotional Intensity in Gifted Students: Helping Kids Cope With Explosive Feelings* provides a much-needed resource for parents and educators for understanding of why gifted children are so extreme in their behavior and how to manage the highs and lows that accompany emotional intensity. Presented in an easy-to-read, conversational style, this revised and updated second edition contains additional chapters addressing temperament and personality development, as well as expanded role-plays and strategies designed to show parents and teachers how to interact and guide gifted children in a way that teaches them how to recognize, monitor, and adjust their behavior. Updated resources and worksheets make this practical resource a must-read for anyone wishing to make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of gifted children.”



## Additional Opportunities for Parents & Students

### [Gifted Resource Center](#)

The GRC contains an abundance of resources and information regarding advocacy, gifted programs and organizations, schools, scholarships, supplemental learning opportunities, testing and counseling professionals, and the twice-exceptional (2e) learner.

### [National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention: November 17-20, 2022](#)

NAGC's 2022 convention will be in Indianapolis, IN this November! Mark your calendar for the best professional learning opportunity of the year! NAGC has a parent strand for those interested in attending!

### [Big Red Camps: June 12-17, 2022](#)

Big Red Summer Academic Camps are residential, career exploration camps held at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. By participating in a camp youth get the opportunity to explore the Nebraska campus, meet people from across the country, spend time investigating an interest or potential career, and have a lot of fun! During the week-long camps, participants will work with our university faculty to explore the topic of their particular camp, like filmmaking or crop science. After spending several fun-filled days on campus, participants' families are invited to attend a special capstone event where youth showcase their achievements.

### [Workshop for Young Writers: August 1-5, 2022](#)

The Workshop for Young Writers is an amazing opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to learn and grow as writers. Explore new and familiar genres, strengthen your writing technique, receive individualized feedback on your work, and enjoy a community of young authors who will stretch you as a writer. The WFYW will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday. Class will be taught synchronously (live with in-person instructors; no recordings) to make the experience as engaging as possible.

### [Summer Art Residency: July 10-29, 2022](#)

Picture this: You're a high school artist spending your summer learning from world-class faculty on one of the premier arts campuses in the US. You spend your time participating in classes, workshops, evening tours, lectures, and events that excite and stretch you as an artist. You spend three full weeks living and learning with other students from all over the world who are as consumed with art as you, and you finish off the summer by showcasing your creations to your peers, teachers, and the public. This is what you'll find at the Summer Art Residency (SAR), an immersive 3-week residency at the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center. Financial Aid is available!

### [Summer Writing Residency: July 11-29, 2022](#)

Imagine spending your summer in a UNESCO City of Literature - one of only two in the United States - learning from world-class faculty on one of the premier writing campuses in the country, home to the famed Iowa Writers Workshop. Envision spending your time participating in classes, workshops, evening tours, lectures, and events that excite and stretch you as a writer. Picture

investing three full weeks in your passion, living and learning with other high school students from all over the world who are as consumed with writing as you, and finishing off the summer by showcasing your work to your peers, teachers, and the public. This dream is reality at the Summer Writing Residency (SWR), an immersive 3-week residency at the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center. Financial Aid is available!

#### [Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program](#)

Girls Who Code offers a free 7-week summer program for current 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade girls to learn coding and get exposure to tech jobs. Each week the program covers projects related to computer science, such as art, storytelling, robotics, video games, web sites, and apps. Participants will also hear from guest speakers, participate in workshops, connect with female engineers and entrepreneurs, and go on field trips. The program culminates in a final project where students build their own product and share it with the class.

#### [Northwestern CTD Online Summer Enrichment](#)

Remote learning isn't new to us. It's been part of our program for almost 40 years. As experts in remote instruction, we offer high-quality online courses that fuel excitement about learning and help students achieve their academic goals. You can't always get to the class. But the class can come to you.

#### [Summer Institute for the Gifted](#)

Summer Institute for the Gifted has been a leader in gifted education since 1984. SIG provides summer academic enrichment programs for gifted, academically talented, creative, and high potential students in grades K-12. SIG Online offers students 2-week STEAM+ (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, and Humanities) from the comfort of their own learning environment. Online courses can be added on to your student's on-campus program, or use it as a great way to fit in some summer learning if you have a packed summer and your student can't attend in-person. Shape your summer your way with the help of SIG Online!