



**WELCOME GSAC**

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# APS GIFTED SERVICES

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[APS Local Plan for the Gifted \(2017 – 2022\)](#)

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## New RTGs

**Jamestown ES**

**Jaclyn Walsh**

**Williamsburg MS**

**Kristie Board**

**Arlington Career Center**

**Kyra Walker**

**[Meet Elementary RTGs](#)**

**[Meet Secondary RTGs](#)**

**\*RTGs modeling Flipgrid to introduce themselves**

**[Contact Info for All RTGs](#)**

# NEW — BI-MONTHLY MESSAGING TO PARENTS

- Every two weeks Cheryl has the opportunity to write a message that goes to all APS families via email.
- Here are the three that have previously been sent and they will also “live” on the APS website with the title Dept. of Teaching and Learning Update: Services for English Learners, Special Education and Gifted Students
  - August 24
  - September 9
  - September 21

\*Cheryl does not send these. These are sent through SchoolTalk and should be going to all families in APS.

# GIFTED SERVICES WEBPAGE

## FAQS

- Collaborative Cluster Model
- Screening and Identification
- Families New to APS
- Equity
- Additional Resources

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# GIFTED SERVICES WEBPAGE

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

- Resources to Support Varying Needs of Your Child
- Podcasts, Webinars & Recordings
- Online Resources to Challenge Your Child at Home

# VDOE SUMMER RESIDENTIAL GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

## Academic & Visual/Performing Arts Applications

Timeline will be available at the beginning of October

- Will be posted on [APS Gifted Services webpage](#)
- Will be advertised in various ways at each high school
- School Talk to community

Waiting on state Superintendent's memo

- Includes all of the state deadlines for school systems, etc
- Current 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders (10<sup>th</sup> graders who were accepted last year are automatically invited this year)

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SPONSORED BY GIFTED SERVICES: SUMMER, PRESERVICE & QUARTER 1

*480 webinars completed (this is huge!) Topics of webinars are organized by the following:*

- Equity and Ways to Find and Nurture Historically Underrepresented Students for Gifted Services
- Social Emotional Learning
- Virtual Teaching and Learning
- Differentiation and Purposefully Planning for Gifted Learners
- Problem Based and Project Based Learning



# THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY — PROPOSED CHANGE IN ADMISSIONS PROCESS

<https://www.fcps.edu/news/fcps-host-town-hall-tjhsst-admissions-september-23>

This is the link to the town hall recording and provides a way for parents to share comments.

# WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO IF THEY FEEL THEIR CHILD IS NOT BEING CHALLENGED?

The most important way to support your child is to build a collaborative relationship with your child(ren)'s teacher. Please understand this is a new way of teaching and it is important to give teachers time to adjust to delivering instruction virtually.

- If you are feeling your child(ren) is not being challenged, the first person to discuss this with would be the classroom teacher. You may want to copy the RTG for your school on this correspondence with the classroom teacher.
- If you are still concerned after giving the teacher and RTG time to adjust the teaching and learning, the next step would be to involve the principal.
- If you are still concerned, please contact the Supervisor, Gifted Services ([Cheryl.McCullough@apsva.us](mailto:Cheryl.McCullough@apsva.us)) and she will reach out to the school to set up a meeting to involve all parties.

# "NAVIGATING UNCHARTED WATERS: SUPPORTING STUDENTS' ENGAGEMENT DURING VIRTUAL LEARNING"

presented September 2020 by Dr. Jennifer Pease, UVa Associate Professor, Dept. of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education. This talk focuses on practical strategies around

- Organizational management
- Motivation
- Mindset

**\* I shared this with the group as a resource that may support families.**