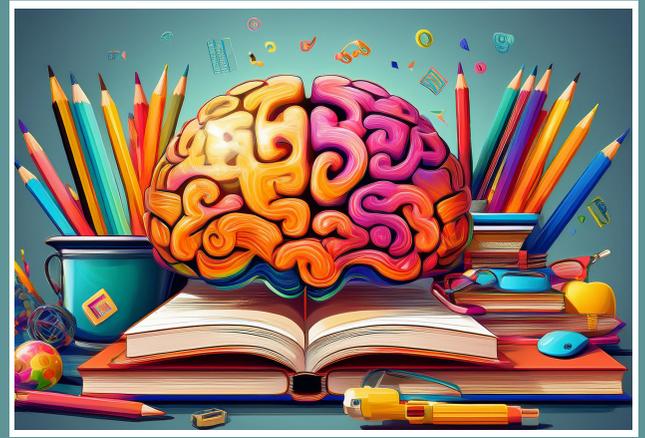


# Gifted Newsletter

ESE Department St. Johns County Schools



## Gifted Educators,

As the final quarter of the school year begins, I want to take a moment to express gratitude for your dedication and daily efforts in upholding our gifted program's mission: to engage, educate, and advocate with integrity and compassion. Your commitment to our students is truly inspiring, and it is because of your hard work that we continue to make a significant impact on their lives.

Remember to utilize the resources available in the ESE Schoology gifted folder for upcoming gifted progression, renewal, eligibility, or transfer meetings. These resources are also invaluable for completing the annual Gifted Education Plan progress reports.

I would also like to highlight the success of our February GPAC family engagement event. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with families and students to showcase our program. We were honored to have representatives from the Florida Association of Gifted (FLAG) visit to learn more about our district's K-12 gifted program. A short video capturing the highlights of this event is available in the GPAC Archives on the district website.

Thank you for your continuous learning and commitment to teamwork on behalf of our gifted students and colleagues. Let's make this final quarter the best one yet!

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## Upcoming Gifted Events



Carpe Diem Workshops for Gifted High School students throughout Quarter 4



GPAC Keynote speaker: Amy Lane, Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics UF Health  
Topic: *The Human Brain and Asynchronous Development* April 15th, 6:30-7:30 pm, virtual, see district website for flyer and link.



Optional virtual PL, "Gifted Progress Reports and Planning Ahead" April 23rd, 2:30-3:30. Register in Business Plus.

## Twice Exceptional (2e)

Progress on the IEP gifted goal is reported quarterly by the gifted service provider. This is done in PEER during the reporting window.

The gifted service provider attends and contributes valuable insight to annual IEP meetings.

Quarter 4 IEP progress reporting window opens May 1st-June 2nd.

# Florida's Framework for Gifted Learners



**Goal #7 Gifted students will be able to develop and deliver a variety of authentic products/performances that demonstrate understanding across multiple subjects.**

Embedding the skills and strategies below into lessons will foster student growth in Goal 7:

### Sample skills:

- Research
- Technology
- Presentation
- Communication
- Time Management

### Sample instructional strategies:

1. Information Analysis
2. Guided Inquiry
3. Research Methods
4. Project Based Learning
5. Digital Tools Training
6. Presentation Techniques
7. Time Management
8. Rubric Guidance



Shout-out to our Beachside gifted students for sharing their presentation and communication skills at the February GPAC! A fun video is uploaded to the GPAC Archives on the district website.

## Gifted Education Plan (EP)

### EP Meetings

- 5th & 8th grade Progression Meetings, Initial Eligibility Meetings: deadline May 30th
- Gifted EP Renewal Meetings for any EPs expiring prior to September 2025: deadline May 30th

### EP Progress Reports

- Progress toward EP gifted goals is reported annually during the 4th quarter.
- The 2025 reporting window is April 7th-June 2nd. Reports written during this window will automatically be uploaded to HAC in early June.
- Updated resources are located in the ESE Schoology course gifted folder. Resources include directions for reporting progress when a new EP has recently been written. This is the case for most 5th grade EPs and all 8th grade EPs.

**Recently updated:  
Schoology Resources  
for Annual  
Progress Reports**

SJCSD ESE 2024-2025: Section 1 ► Gifted



**Progress Reports- Updated for 2025**

Gifted case managers for gifted-only students report progress once a year in the 4th quarter.

*2025 EP Window is April 7th -June 2nd*

# Meaningful Resources for Specially Designed Instruction



ESE Schoology Course Gifted Folder  
Access Code CZ7H-CBDK-6F2G4

See the Instructional Resources and Lesson Planning Tools folder for subject area research, project based learning, passion projects, rubric resources and more.

- ▼  Instructional Resources and Lesson Planning Tools
- ▶  Florida's Frameworks for K-12 Gifted Learners and CPALMS
- ▼  Ready-Made, Adaptable Lesson Plans



SJCSD has a subscription to ByrdseedTV. It provides a library of short, student-friendly video lessons, projects, and investigations aligned with gifted goals. Each newsletter we will highlight a few lessons.

### **Math- Number Scrabble**

Engage your students in their downtime with this new game.

[Video](#)

### **Seasonal- Earth Day**

Celebrate Earth Day by having students create their own creature.

[Video 1](#) [Video 2](#) [Video 3](#)

See email for attached writing resources.

### **ELA- Creativity using Scamper**

Students can practice the tool of SCAMPER using a topic of their (or your) choice.

SCAMPER is an acronym for the creative verbs:  
S: substitute, C: combine, A: adapt, M: modify, P: put to other uses, E: eliminate, R: rearrange

[Video 1](#) [Video 2](#) [Video 3](#)

## Research & Presentation Resources for Florida's Gifted Goal #7



Kiddle.co is a safe search engine designed specifically for kids. It offers web, image, and video search results that are vetted by editors to ensure they are appropriate for children. This search engine is available in Clever in the Web Links section.



Adobe Express for Education is an approved creativity program designed for K-12 students and teachers. It provides tools for creating graphics, photos, and videos, making it easy to produce impactful presentations, infographics, and more. The platform includes features like collaboration, responsible generative AI, and templates tailored for educational use. This program is available in Clever.

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