

OUR MISSION

- ◆ To advocate for guaranteed services for all gifted and talented children in Maryland from all cultures and social-economic backgrounds.
- ◆ To support the development of challenging, flexible educational programs for identified students that meet their unique educational needs and provide them with peer interaction.
- ◆ To promote the development and implementation of training for all teachers in identification and educational methods for gifted and talented children.
- ◆ To advocate for increased funding for education statewide, both for local school systems and for programs for gifted and talented students.
- ◆ To work with the Maryland State Department of Education and local gifted and talented coordinators to support gifted and talented education statewide.
- ◆ To encourage and support local parent advocacy groups.
- ◆ To develop and promote statewide conferences and workshops for parents of gifted and talented children.

Gifted Education Resources

Maryland State Department of Education
Dr. Jeanne Paynter
Specialist for Gifted Education
410-767-0363
www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/giftedtalented/

National Association for Gifted Children
1707 L Street, NW Suite 550
Washington, DC 20036
202-785-4268
www.nagc.org

Council for Exceptional Children
1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201
www.cec.sped.org

National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented
University of Connecticut
Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli, Director
www.gifted.uconn.edu/nrcgt.html

**Educational Research and Information Center
Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted
Education.**
ericec.org

**All the above have additional links for
further information.**



**Maryland
Coalition for
Gifted and
Talented
Education**

**A
Parent/Professional
Advocacy Group**

www.mcgate.org

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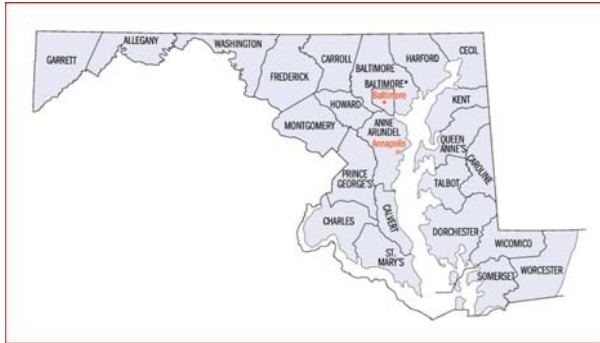
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MCGATE Regional Divisions

1. Garrett, Allegany, Washington
2. Frederick, Carroll, Montgomery, Howard
3. Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford, Cecil
4. Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline
5. Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester

Opportunities to Get Involved

Planning Meetings: Held bi-annually. All are welcome. We need help with planning events and developing lobbying strategies. We'll help you organize a local advocacy group in your county.

MCGATE Conference and Annual Meeting: MCGATE holds a conference on gifted and talented education for parents in the spring of the year. The annual meeting will be held at this time.

Legislative Reception: Once a year we help plan an event where we can share information about gifted and talented education in Maryland with members of the General Assembly.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in **MCGATE** is open to all parents, educators, administrators, students, concerned citizens and businesses. Each member will receive the newsletter, be eligible for office, and have full voting rights. Membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Dues are not pro-rated.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Board Member | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Check one:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation: | _____ |

Area of Interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |

Make checks payable to MCGATE and mail to:

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 Lusby, MD 20657