

Gifted Education Advisory Council (GEAC)

*Supporting parents, students, and
educators in the LWSD Highly Capable
Community*

Talent Development and Distance Learning

Please note that GEAC does not endorse any particular programs listed here. These links are provided for informational purposes only.

There are many Talent Development and Distance Learning programs for the gifted all over the country, several affiliated with major universities. One resource that lists most of them is the Davidson Institute's national [database](#). Some of the more well-known programs include:

[Robinson Center for Young Scholars](#), *University of Washington* — Created in 1977, the Robinson Center is a leader in the nation for developing programs that serve highly capable young pre-college and college students through avenues such as a prestigious Early University Entrance program, Summer Programs, weekend Enrichment opportunities, and more.

[Center for Talented Youth \(CTY\)](#), *Johns Hopkins University* — Since 1979 CTY has identified young people of great academic promise through CTY's annual Talent Search, then nurtured their intellects and personal growth through Summer Programs, CTYOnline courses, and other services and resources such as Family Academic Programs, and a Diagnostic & Counseling Center.

[Education Program for Gifted Youth \(EPGY\)](#), *developed by Stanford University* — Hosted by GiftedandTalented.com, EPGY is the premier online community for accelerated learners and the parents and educators who support their development. Founded in the 1990's, EPGY's innovative computer-based, multimedia courses in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and Computer Programming are specifically designed for gifted and talented learners.

[Talent Identification Program \(TIP\)](#), *Duke University* — Since 1980, Duke TIP has become a global leader in identifying academically gifted students and providing them with opportunities to support their development, including Talent Searches, online Independent Learning courses, Summer Programs, and more.

[Center for Talent Development \(CTD\)](#), *Northwestern University* — An accredited learning center and research facility that identifies, educates and supports gifted students and their families and serves as a leader in gifted education. Programs include Talent Search, Summer Program, and online learning.

[Davidson Institute for Talent Development](#) — Formed in 1999, the Davidson Institute is a 501(c)3 private operating foundation whose mission is to recognize, nurture and support profoundly intelligent young people and to provide opportunities for them to develop their talents to make a positive difference. Programs offered include Young Scholars, Fellows Scholarships, Summer Institute, and The Davidson Academy, a free public day school.

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

A Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) is an online course aimed at unlimited participation and open access via the web. MOOCs are free, and most are offered by top universities and educational institutions from around the world. In addition to traditional course materials such as filmed lectures, readings, and problem sets, many MOOCs provide interactive user forums to support community interactions between students, professors, and teaching assistants.

[MOOC List](#) — An aggregator (directory) of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) offered by different providers. Search for courses using a variety of criteria.

There are several MOOC providers. Two of the more prominent ones are [Coursera](#) and [edX](#).

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