



*Local Chapter of Kentucky Association for Gifted Education*

**Current Officers**

President – Tanya Dickinson  
Vice President – Tammy Morrison  
Secretary – Dave Melanson  
Treasurer – Betty Fritz-Cook

**Please join us for:**

- 2007-2008 Chapter Meetings: 6:00-7:30pm, 9/24/07, 12/3/07, 3/3/08, 5/19/08 (5/19/08 – 2008-2009 officers' election)
- Fall 2007 Roundtable Event, 11/5/07  
Shelby County Schools, District Offices, 1155 W. Main Street, Shelbyville, KY
- Spring 2008 Event, Theme, Date & Location TBA

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***The Shelby Association for Gifted Education*** is a group of parents, educators, and other concerned citizens interested in promoting and supporting a rigorous and challenging learning environment for talented and gifted students in Shelby County. We are an affiliate of KAGE, the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education. Both organizations are non-profit. Our only focus is the benefit of children.

***Why is talented and gifted education important?***

Kids can find outlets for many of their talents in sports, clubs, and other organizations. But students who are talented or gifted academically may have a harder time finding organizations where they can fully express their talents. Even at school, they can feel marginalized by their abilities rather than included because of them.

This is not because teachers and other school staff don't care. Quite the opposite. But, in the normal pressures of work, a child who is doing well can be overlooked. When, what they need is more challenging work and a chance to shine.

Alternatively, some kids who are talented feel they need to hide their abilities to not seem "too smart" or perhaps they don't really know they're talented – after all it's just how they are.

The problem with all of this is that the child feels less comfortable at school and may not feel that education can properly address their situation. And that is simply not true.

Each school in Shelby County has a Talented and Gifted teacher who works to bring educational programs to meet the needs of talented and gifted students in their school. Talented and Gifted Education programs can be where a kid can learn to develop their gifts and learn to use them appropriately in the education environment and elsewhere.

### ***Who is talented or gifted?***

All children have a unique mix of abilities. But a talented or gifted child has a particular strength, an area where they really stand out from the crowd. Talented and gifted (TAG) students can excel at reading, writing, art, leadership, math, science, theater, dance, as well as others.

### ***How can you know if a child is talented or gifted?***

The answer is not always obvious. A TAG child may stand out from the crowd a bit, or you may have noticed that they are significantly more developed in an area versus their peers or siblings. Or, perhaps you've never really thought of your child as gifted, but just having a special flair for something. If you suspect that your child may be gifted in one of the areas mentioned above, it's important to have them referred to the talent pool and/or tested. Testing allows the school system to evaluate their abilities and provide services if appropriate. If you are interested in having your child referred or tested, you should contact your school's primary classroom or TAG teacher.

### ***What does SAGE do and how can it help you?***

SAGE exists to promote and support a rigorous, challenging learning environment for Shelby County Talented and Gifted students. Some of our specific goals are:

- ☞ Promote advanced math courses at the middle school and elementary levels
- ☞ Assist in expanding the TAG Talent Pool
- ☞ Increase awareness of TAG programs in the community
- ☞ Help parents advocate for their talented and gifted children and access resources
- ☞ Advocate for talented and gifted education in our schools
- ☞ Sponsor activities, training, and fundraisers to support talented and gifted education

### ***How you can work with SAGE?***

Join SAGE! We are all volunteers and the more of us there are, the more we can do.

You can contact SAGE at:

ShelbyKAGE@Bellsouth.net

Or at: PO Box 685 Shelbyville, KY 40066

**Kentucky Association for Gifted Education / Shelby County Chapter**  
**(SAGE)**

**LOCAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

DUES: \$40 Annual Fee / Household\*  
Local Chapter \$ 10 // State KAGE \$30

**Please return to Chapter Representative on-site,  
or mail to: SAGE, PO Box 685, Shelbyville, KY 40065**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Grade Levels: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_ Grandparent \_\_\_\_ Educator \_\_\_\_ Interested Citizen

Ways you would like to be involved in the local chapter for gifted:

Needs you have that you would like to have met through the local chapter:

Topics you would like to see covered at future meetings:

People you would like to hear speak at future meetings:

Formats you would like to see at future meetings:

Other comments:

*\*Dues and other funds raised by the Chapter are used exclusively for the benefit of KAGE activities. Households may join at the combined state/local rate of \$40, or only the local rate of \$10. Local \$10 per household local dues may be used for, but are not limited to: handouts, flyers and mailings; meeting costs, including speakers' fees, room rental, refreshments; newsletters; website maintenance. Local Chapter financial statements may be reviewed at quarterly meetings or upon request to the President. State \$30 per household state dues may be used for, but are not limited to: four newsletters per year; informational brochures; list serve and website maintenance; legislative updates and representation; direct contact with the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) office on a regular basis especially at times of federal legislation; early announcement of upcoming KAGE events; annual conference in late winter for all who wish to attend; summer curriculum development workshop for educators; Update Workshop for teachers new to gifted education or those who wish to be brought up to date on events related to gifted education in KY; annual fall workshop on the social - emotional needs of gifted children and youth; Symposium on KY's Gifted Children and Youth for Key Community Decision Makers; Executive Director; Administrative Assistant; representation at other organizations' conferences and workshops as exhibitor and/or presenter; KAGE Foundation for Scholarship Opportunities to Gifted Programs Sponsored by KY Universities; and miscellaneous printing and postage costs.*