

1971

Arizona gets its first permissive legislation for gifted programs

1976

AAGT holds its first conference for educators and parents.

Governor Raul Castro declares October 17-23 to be Gifted and Talented Week

1982

Legislation of gifted modified to require the use of out-of-level tests.

1984

Legislature recognizes the need for bilingual; gifted identification

1986

Legislation mandates: Use of a list of Approved Tests with 3 scores (Verbal, Quantitative, Non Verbal), Scope & Sequence to be submitted to Arizona Department of Education, Gifted Education differentiation in Content, Process, Product, and/or Environment.

1990

Districts submit a Scope and Sequence to receive funding of \$50 per student, not to exceed 3% of the total district population.

1994

Governor Fife Symington proclaimed 1995 the Year of the Gifted Learner

2009

Governor Janice Brewer declared February 1-7 as The Week of the Gifted

2014

AAGT began a grass roots movement to restore dedicated, ongoing funds

2017

AAGT takes professional development on the road with Diane Heacox with their first ever Summer Seminar Tour

2019

Governor Doug A. Ducey proclaimed that February 2-8, 2020, is officially Gifted Education Week

2021

Legislation passed to add gifted education to group B weights as well as approved funding for Universal Screening of all second-grade students in every school across the state. Thank you to the hard work of Representatives Jennifer Pawlik and Michelle Udall

1980

Legislature passes a mandate for gifted education without giving districts direction in how to implement services.

1983

AAGT holds its first Annual Conference with the theme 'Unity in Diversity: Paradigms for Reaching Potential'

1985

Governor Bruce Babbitt proclaimed 1986 the Year of the Gifted Child.

1987

AAGT's purpose is identified - to make it possible for an increasing number of gifted students to receive educational opportunities commensurate with their abilities.

1991

AAGT's first mission is defined - to advocate for the gifted and talented child and young adult and to facilitate opportunities that address their unique needs and abilities.

2008

AAGT hosts its inaugural Parent Institute with the goal of educating and engaging parents and caregivers in Gifted Education, ultimately empowering them in their roles as parents

2010

Funding for Gifted Education was suspended in Arizona

2015

The Sunnyside Unified School District received national funding through the Jacob K. Javits Grant. This funding has had a far-reaching impact on the entire state, and the positive effects of this grant continue to be felt today.

NAGC Annual Conference held in Arizona, supported by AAGT

2020

AAGT quickly pivots during the COVID pandemic and expands the reach of its Summer Seminar and Parent Institute by hosting virtual experiences.

2024

AAGT Celebrates 50 Years of advocating for the diverse population of gifted and talented students in the state of Arizona.