

Candidate: Jolene Teske

Position: Gifted Coordinator Network Chair Elect

The inception of the Gifted Coordinators' Network is exciting for those of us leading the PK-12 delivery of services for gifted and advanced learners. We are a unique group with specialized needs, and our influence is vast as we serve students across a variety of abilities, needs, and demographics; we serve teachers and support staff who support our students; and we serve parents and guardians of our students. Our initial work this first year has been to create a collaborative network of support for each other. We began our work in Colorado and continued it through Engage, Coffee Chats, and Lunch and learns. We will now push forward and continue the collaborative work of sharing ideas, strategies, and practices that will best serve our constituents. We are off to a great start, and I would be honored to carry forward the momentum and be considered for Chair-Elect.