Links to Information About Curriculum and Programming

Aha! Model - Analyzing Human Activities   www.rogertaylor.com
The AHA! Model™ is an integrated, interdisciplinary, differentiated curriculum model that ...
- Uses activity-based / project-centered learning
- Raises test scores and AYP
- Includes cooperative learning opportunities with multiple intelligences
- Provides experiences that are meaningful
- Addresses attitudes and values using an integrated character education model
- Encompasses the use of music, dance, drama/theater, art and multi-media in the content areas
- Anchors differentiated strategies to a social studies theme
- Develops critical thinking skills in creativity, moral & ethical reasoning and higher level academic skills
- Improves communication skills as the teacher moves from the "sage on the stage" to "guide on the side"
- Integrates math with science, literature with history and the AHA! brings it all together
- Teaches self-evaluation through formative and summative assessment utilizing peers and traditional evaluation
- Incorporates local, state and national standards in every lesson and every activity
- Uses learning styles of students to differentiate activities
- Builds authentic RtI in daily lesson planning
- Creates a foundation for smaller learning communities and professional learning teams
- Connects rigor, relevance, and relationships as on-going themes in lesson planning
- Motivates the unmotivated at-risk student, reluctant learners and students with IEPs

A Hotlist on Rubrics   http://www.kn.sbc.com/wired/fil/pages/listrubricsdr.html
An internet hotlist on rubrics created by Dr. Jann Leppien of the University of Great Falls.

Autonomous Learner Model
http://www.alpspublishing.com/alps_catalog/alm_books.html
Resources to support the Autonomous Learner Model for Gifted Students created by George Betts and Robin Carey.

Carolyn Coil   http://www.carolyncoil.com/ezine.htm
Carolyn Coil specializes in differentiated instruction. This link leads to several e-zines written by Dr. Coil.

Gifted Education Resources   http://www.giftedstudy.org/resources/index.asp

The Summer Institute for the Gifted has offers a wealth of opportunities and programs for educators at all levels. This link provides a summary of services and resources available to those involved in educating the gifted community.

Pieces of Learning   www.piecesoflearning.com
Resources on differentiated instruction available for purchase.

Prufrock Press Inc.
          http://www.prufrock.com/client/client_pages/teacher_introduction.cfm
Prufrock Press sells many materials specific to Gifted Education. The link above will take you to Prufrock links to a wealth of information on teaching gifted learners as well as to blogs for teachers of gifted learners.

Read Think Write   http://www.readwritethink.org
Search with the key words *critical thinking* to access numerous reading and writing lessons focused on critical thinking.

Resources for Parents, Teachers and Gifted, Talented, Creative and Promising Mathematics Students   http://www.nku.edu/~mathed/gifted.html
This website provides a plethora of links for appropriate mathematics challenges for gifted math students.

The National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented
http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/nrcgt.html
The National Research Center is conducting research to find out "what works in gifted education."   This link will lead you to numerous resources on Gifted Education.

The Parallel Curriculum   **http:/janemjarvis.googlepages.com**
This website is designed to help teachers, curriculum writers and administrators develop high-quality curriculum for diverse learners using the Parallel Curriculum Model. The site is intended as a companion to the original text developed by Carol Tomlinson and Sandra Kaplan in conversation with Joseph Renzulli and with major contributions by Jeanne Purcell, Jann Leppien and Deborah Burns (Published by Corwin Press, 2002).

 The website is designed to support educators as they become familiar with the Parallel Curriculum Model (PCM), and to provide additional resources to extend the skills and ideas of those already working with the model.

The Schoolwide Cluster Grouping Model   http:/gifted.pvschools.net
In The Schoolwide Cluster Grouping Model (SCGM), identified gifted students are clustered into a mixed-ability classrooms at each grade level. The teacher has had training in understanding, planning for, and instructing gifted students. If there are more than eight gifted students in the grade level, two or more clusters may be formed. This link to Paradise

Valley Schools provides information on cluster grouping and the ensuing student achievement.

The Schoolwide Enrichment Model   www.gifted.uconn.edu/sem
The Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) is an enrichment program used with academically gifted and talented students and for schools interested in developing the strengths and talents of all students. The SEM focuses on enrichment for all students through high levels of engagement and the use of enjoyable and challenging learning experiences that are constructed around students' interests, learning styles, and preferred modes of expression.

Links to Interesting Websites for Students, Parents, and Teachers

Arvada Center Outreach	www.arvadacenter.org/education/outreach
Creativity Resource for Teachers	http://creativity.denverartmuseum.org
Denver Museum of Nature and Science	www.dmns.org
Gifted Kids Network	www.giftedkidsnetwork.com
Library of Congress: Kids and Families	http://www.loc.gov/families/
Library of Congress: Teachers	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/
Math Tools	http://www.mathtools.net/
NASA	www.nasa.gov
NASA's Space Place	www.spaceplace.nasa.gov
Project Zero (Harvard - the Arts)	http://www.pz.harvard.edu/
The Wildlife Experience School Programs	www.thewildlifeexperience.org
TIZMOS	http://www.tizmos.com/About.aspx
Virtual Field Trips	www.virtualfreesites.com/tours.html