



Your Gifted and Talented Child

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Welcome Parents!

- What makes our children different?
- Our children's concerns (gripes).
- Why do they sometimes underachieve?
- What can a parent do?
- You are not alone!

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Who Are the Gifted?

- Creative and imaginative
- Often not recognized by their peers
- Often not recognized by teachers
- Often not understood by others

And...

- High tolerance for clutter... Messy
- Extreme expressions of joy, grief, sorrow
- Easily embarrassed, self-doubt
- Critical of others
- Non-conforming

Emotional Characteristics

- Strong sense of justice / attraction to “causes”
- Altruism / strong desire to serve
- Sensitive and idealistic
- Great sense of humor
- Recognize inconsistencies of everyday life

And.....

- Emotional intensity / reactivity
- Early concern with death / mortality
- Perfectionism
- Strong attachments to others / friends and mentors
- Aesthetic sensitivity / love of the arts

Potential Negative Behaviors

- Gets bored easily, resists drill, disturbs others
- Neglects other responsibilities
- Shows off, brags, peers resent
- Monopolizes discussions

And...

- Dislikes being interrupted
- Refuses to work with others
- Corrects adults
- Impatient with others
- Little-aggressive

Eight Gripes of Gifted Kids

- No one explains what being gifted is all about
- School is too easy and boring
- Parents and teachers expect us to be perfect all the time
- Friends are few and far between

And...

- Kids tease us for being smart
- We feel overwhelmed by the number of things we can do in life
- We feel different, alienated
- We worry about world problems and don't know how to help

Why Are There Underachievers?

- Gender stereotyping or discrimination...
- Lack of role models... (or the wrong role models!)
- Societal expectations...
- Peer pressure...
- Criticism...
- Lack of financial resources...
- Schools not geared for gifted kids...

Your child comes home and...

- I am bored...
- I hate homework...
- I hate what we are learning...
- The teacher did not give me enough time to finish...
- I did not get to finish what I wanted to say...
- I know so much more than the other students in my class...
- I just do not like school...



**So what can a
parent do?**

So what can a parent do?

- Be a good listener
- Be positive
- Praise your child
- Ask questions
- Be a good listener

Remember the '8 Gripes'!

So what can a parent do?

- Think about your child's characteristics when working with him or her.
Ask you child what would make an assignment easier for them?
 - See something drawn out?
 - Chart something?
 - Lists?
 - Read something again?
 - Read it out loud?

So what can a parent do?

Ask....

- Are you being too hard on your self?
- Are giving other students a chance to offer their knowledge and opinions?
- Are you listening to learn something new?

So what can a parent do?

Ask or suggest...

- Have you asked to work with a group of students that fit your level?
- Have you asked if you could do additional work on the topic?
- Have you asked to do extra research on a similar topic with a presentation to the class?
- Have you asked about more independent work for yourself?

So what can a parent do?

Texas Performance Standards Project

www.TexasPSP.com

Series of tasks for G/T students to teach
and enrich advanced learning skills.

Grade Band, Resources, Toolkit

So what can a parent do?

Texas Association For the Gifted & Talented

www.txgifted.org/parents

Click on the 'Parent Page'

So what can a parent do?

National Association for Gifted Children

www.nagc.org

Click on 'Parent Section'

So what can a parent do?

College Board

www.collegeboard.org

Info on PSAT, SAT, AP

Get Involved!

- PTA
- Volunteer
- Meet the other parents
- Meet the principal and counselor
- Meet the teachers of G/T and advanced classes

Questions



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