

PARENT RESOURCES

Gifted and High Achieving Students

CONSIDER.... WHAT
DOES IT MEAN TO BE
GIFTED?



CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED CHILDREN

Characteristic	Positive Behavior	Negative Behavior
Learns rapidly/easily	Memorizes and masters basic facts quickly	Gets bored easily, resists drill, disturbs others, underachieves
Reads intensively	Reads, uses library on own	Neglects other responsibilities
Perfectionist	Exceptional accomplishments	Intolerant of mistakes
Retains quantity of information	Ready recall and responses	Resists repetitions, "know it all"
Long attention span	Sticks with task of personal interest	Resists class routine, dislikes interruptions
Imaginative, curious, many interests	Asks questions, gets excited about ideas, takes risks	Goes on tangents, no follow-through, disorganized
Works independently	Creates and invents beyond assigned tasks	Refuses to work with others
Alert, observant	Recognizes problems	Impolitely corrects adults
Good sense of humor	Able to enjoy subtleties of thought	Plays cruel jokes or tricks on others

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Comprehends, recognizes relationships	Able to solve problems alone	Interferes in the affairs of others, can be bossy
Aesthetic insight, awareness	Appreciation of the arts	Poses personal values/judgements on others
Highly verbal, extensive vocabulary	Fluent with words, numbers, leads peers in positive ways	Leads others into negative behaviors, monopolizes discussion
Individualistic, strong-willed	Asserts self and ideas, has small circle of friends; sense of own uniqueness	Stubborn in beliefs
Self-motivated, self-sufficient	Requires minimum teacher direction or help	Aggressive, challenges authority
Prefers older adults	Wise beyond years	Isolated or misunderstood
Highly sensitive, passionate	Emphasizes fairness and morality, compassionate	Overreacts to situations

Resources for Parents- NAGC

- Links to tools to help your gifted and talented child succeed

48 Essential Links for the Parents of Gifted Children

- Resources that give advice, information, support, and educational resources to help you support and encourage your child's special abilities

50 Tips, Tricks and Ideas for Teaching Gifted Students

- Resources to engage the high-level thinkers in your classroom (or home).

Helping Elementary Students Read for Information

- Comprehension strategies to use with reading, especially when reading for information

Parenting for High Potential- Nurturing the Young

Gifted Child

- Parenting the precocious
- Perception of reading ability
- Developing the mathematical mind
- Highly Creative Children

Tips for the Reluctant Writer

- Explains why many students dislike writing
- Offers suggestions to build writing fluency- reveal purpose for writing

PARENT RESOURCES / LINKS

10 WAYS TO HELP YOUR HIGH ACHIEVING AND/OR GIFTED CHILD SUCCEED

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2. Give your child choices.
3. Set a good example.
4. Let your child have time with both same-age peers and same-ability peers.
5. Provide your child opportunities to be exposed to the creative arts.
6. Have patience with your child.
7. Talk with your child.
8. Set reasonable expectations.
9. Establish a relationship with your child's teacher.
10. Most importantly, love and care for your gifted child.

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2. **Give your child choices.** Gifted children strive to become autonomous people. Giving them choices allows them some control over their life. When you give your child choices, it makes them feel respected and valued in your eyes. As they grow older, you can increase the importance of the choices you give them to foster independence.
3. **Set a good example.** Gifted students may be more sensitive to morals and values than the typical student. Setting a good example will let your child know that you also value good morals. Volunteering with your child is a great way to set a good example and also helps you build a strong relationship with your child.
4. **Let your child have time with both same-age peers and same-ability level peers.** Relationships with peers give the gifted child the opportunity to communicate ideas, understand other points of view, and learn important social skills. Providing time for your child to foster close relationships will also improve your relationship with your child.
5. **Provide your child opportunities to be exposed to the creative arts.** Help your child find a creative outlet such as music, dance, art, or drama to explore their creative ability. In contrast to academic activities, there is no limit to the creativity that can be expressed through the arts. Creative opportunities your child enjoys now can develop into lifelong skills and passions.
6. **Have patience with your child.** Gifted children can possess traits that many find difficult to deal with such as bossiness, perfectionism, excessive questioning, inappropriate humor, excessive talking, and interrupting. These can be redirected into positive characteristics that will help them become successful adults such as perseverance, leadership skills, curiosity, and empathy.
7. **Talk with your child.** No one knows how your child is doing in school better than themselves. Establishing a close relationship with your child allows them to trust you and opens the line of communication for if problems arise. Check in with your child regularly. Ask them what you can do to help them be and feel successful.
8. **Set reasonable expectations.** Encourage your child to do great things, but be careful not to pressure them to overachieve. It is important for gifted children to learn at a level and pace that is appropriate for them. Many gifted children put an unhealthy amount of pressure on themselves to be perfect. Be your child's cheerleader to try to prevent unhealthy perfectionism.
9. **Establish a relationship with your child's teacher.** It is essential to work together with your gifted child's teacher to develop the most appropriate curriculum and accommodations for your child. Advocate for your child's needs to the best education possible. Ask for suggestions on things you can do at home with your child to extend on the lessons they are doing in school.
10. **Most importantly, love and care for your gifted child.** You establish the foundation for the rest of their life. Establishing a close relationship early in life will help them be successful later in life. Support them in whatever they do and remember to praise their accomplishments, no matter how small!

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