



I. Characteristics of Gifted Children

- a. Think rapidly and deeply
- b. Sense and feel things acutely, both physically and emotionally
- c. Exhibit a surplus of energy
- d. Imagine vividly
- e. Develop asynchronously
- f. Score well on IQ tests – high end of the bell curve

[Is It a Cheetah?](#) by Stephanie Tolan

[Charasteristics of Extreme Intelligence](#) by Barbara Clark

[Common Charasteristics of Gifted Learners](#) Janice Szabos

[Dabrowski's Over-excitabilities- A Layman's Explanation](#) by Stephanie Tolan

II. Common Problems for Gifted Children

- a. **Perfectionism** - *won't count as failure if I didn't try*
- b. **Underachievement** - *to be more like everyone else, daydreaming, unwillingness to "relearn" or busy with "more important" work.*
- c. **Complexity of Thought**
- d. **Idealism** - *values conflict and impotence*
- e. **Loneliness & Depression**
- f. **No Practice in Tackling Difficult Problems**
- g. **Lack of Good Study Skills**
- h. **Masked Learning Disabilities**

[Gifted Children Need:](#) by Elizabeth Meckstroth

[Parenting Emotionally Intense Gifted Children](#) by Lesley Sword

[The Do's and Don'ts for Raising Gifted Kids](#) by Deborah Ruf

III. Testing and Identification

- a. **To test or not to test...** - *test to answer question, not to get a number*
- b. **What testing is out there?**

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/why_test.htm

IV. Education

- a. **Learning Difference**
 - Less repetitions
 - Big picture to details
- b. **Enrichment versus acceleration**
- c. **Clustering, ability-grouping and tracking**
- d. **Pull-out versus push-in**
- e. **Show and go**
- f. **Heterogeneous versus homogeneous classes**

[It's a Learning Difference](#) by Tamara Fisher

[Rights of Students](#) by Carol J. Morreale

[Parent's Guide to Educational Vocabulary](#) by Arlene DeVries

V. Our School District

a. K-2nd Grade:

In class differentiation, teacher requested pullout by gifted specialists.

b. 3rd-5th Grade:

Language arts and math acceleration, plus for *globally exceptionally* gifted: the ACE program.

c. 6th-8th Grade:

Accelerated and advanced math, advanced language arts and for the *exceptionally* gifted: ACE

District 181 gifted info: follow "academics" tab on <http://www.d181.org/#gifted>

VI. Gifted Education and the Law

- a. **Gifted in Illinois** - *Illinois Association for Gifted Children* - www.IAGCgifted.org
- b. **Gifted in the US** - *National Association for Gifted Children* - www.nagc.org
- *Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted* - www.sengifted.org
- c. **No Child Left Behind**

VII. Good Resources about Raising Gifted Children

- [*Guiding the Gifted Child*](#) – Webb, Meckstroth and Tolan
(Or the updated [*A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children*](#) by Webb, Gore, Amend and DeVries)
- [*Survival Guide For Parents of Gifted Kids*](#) – Sally Walker
(also available: [survival guides for the kids!](#))
- Hoagies Gifted Education Page – <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org>
- Davidson Institute for Talent Development – www.gt-cybersource.org