

GIFTED LEARNERS

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A gifted child is someone who has a natural talent for thinking and learning, and they're often much smarter than other kids their age. Some scholars consider children with IQ above 120 as gifted children. Whereas some scholars consider only a child with an I.Q. of more than 150 to be a gifted child.

The <u>National Association of Gifted Children</u> (NAGC) defines giftedness as "Gifted individuals are those who demonstrate outstanding levels of aptitude (defined as an exceptional ability to reason and learn) or competence (documented performance or achievement in top 10% or rarer) in one or more domains. Domains include any structured area of activity with its own symbol system (e.g., mathematics, music, language) and/or set of sensorimotor skills (e.g., painting, dance, sports)."

At its core, giftedness is a brain-based difference that contributes to our vibrant and neurodiverse world. This neurological difference means that profoundly gifted students experience a different intellectual, academic, and social-emotional development trajectory than neurotypical individuals.

Definition of Gifted Learners

According to Witty:

"The term gifted or talented stands for those whose performance is consistently remarkable in some potentially valuable activity."

According to Havighurst:

"The talented or gifted child is one who shows consistently remarkable performance in any worthwhile line of endeavour."

Characteristics

- Quick learner
- Exceptional memory
- Good common sense and general knowledge
- Diverse range of interests
- Abstract, complex, and logical thinking

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- Strong imagination
- Highly developed curiosity
- Proficient problem-solving skills
- Sharp memory power

Quick Learner:

Picks up new information and skills quickly, often faster than others of the same age.

Exceptional Memory:

Has a great ability to recall and retain information, making it easier to remember and use what they've learned.

Wide Range of Interests:

Finds joy and curiosity in a variety of subjects and activities, showing a broad interest beyond just a few things.

Abstract, Complex, and Logical Thinking:

Processes information in a sophisticated and smart manner, often dealing with complex ideas and logical reasoning.

Strong Imagination:

Can create vivid and creative mental images, enhancing their ability to come up with unique ideas and solutions.

Highly Developed Curiosity:

Possesses a strong desire to explore and understand the world, constantly asking questions and seeking knowledge.

Problem-Solving Capacities:

Demonstrates a high skill in finding solutions to challenges, using logical and creative thinking to overcome obstacles.

Sharp Memory Power:

Possesses a powerful ability to store and recall information, making it easier to learn and apply knowledge.

Signs of Giftedness in Children Include:

- an extreme need for constant mental stimulation
- an ability to learn and process complex information rapidly
- a need to explore subjects in surprising depth
- an insatiable curiosity, as demonstrated by endless questions and inquiries
- ability to comprehend material several grade levels above their age peers
- surprising emotional depth and sensitivity at a young age
- enthusiastic about unique interests and topics
- quirky or mature sense of humor
- creative problem solving and imaginative expression
- absorbs information quickly with few repetitions needed
- self-aware, socially aware, and aware of global issues

Home Assignment

HOW WILL YOU HANDLE GIFTED LEARNERS IN YOUR CLASSROOM AS A TEACHER?"



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