

Are you the parent of a gifted child?

Gifted students may exhibit many, but not all of these characteristics:

- Advanced vocabulary
- Outstanding memory
- Curious: asks endless questions
- Has many interests, hobbies, collections.
- Long attention span in matters of interest, with diverse abilities and interests.
- Perceives subtle cause and effect relationships.
- Catches on quickly, then resists doing work, or works in a sloppy, careless manner.
- Strong sense of humor
- Love of truth, fairness, and equity
- Creative and inventive. Independent and self-reliant
- Bossy in group situations
- Aware of global issues many age peers are uninterested in.
- Sees connections between apparently unconnected ideas and activities.



Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a Sun-dial in the shade?
-- Benjamin Franklin

Did you know...

Less than 2 cents of every 100 education dollars is spent on gifted education in the U.S.

Gifted children are at a greater risk for underachievement.

Many gifted children have mastered 35-50% of the curriculum in the five core subject areas before their school year begins.

America's top students do not perform well when compared with their counterparts around the world.

Without appropriate challenges, gifted students are likely to regress to normal or below normal levels of achievement.

There are more disadvantaged gifted children than wealthy gifted children.

Most elementary public school teachers have no specific training in gifted education.

Source: Ohio Association of Gifted Children



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has.
-- Margaret Meade

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Our Mission:

We all gain when students are challenged to achieve to the best of their abilities in school. GAIN supports awareness and understanding of gifted issues in our schools and in our community. We are an alliance of parents, students, and educators with a common mission: to foster an environment that challenges every child.



Challenge Every Child!



If you think your child may be gifted and talented and you want to ensure that they are getting the most out of their educational experience, join us! If you are and educator seeking a better understanding of gifted issues, join us!

We are a group of parents, educators, students and concerned community members working together to promote awareness of issues in gifted education and to advocate for the special needs of gifted learners in Nordon Hills School District.

Our goals include :

- Work with schools to ensure that *all* children are challenged.
- Improve understanding, communication and involvement between families and teachers.
- Support staff development on gifted issues.
- Sponsor enrichment activities.
- Raise funds for educational programs that would otherwise not be considered because of budget restrictions in the school district.
- Host expert talks on gifted issues.

A Resource on Gifted Issues

By building a productive parent advocacy group, we are taking a positive and important step toward serving gifted students in our school district. A strong and persistent voice is what led to state and federally mandated services for other special needs students. Ohio has targeted 2012 as the start year for Gifted and Talented service mandates, but that is of small comfort to those who need it now! As parents, we can learn from the experiences of one another. We will collect and communicate news regarding gifted issues to each member of the group.

A Social Network for Our Kids

Sometimes the interests of the gifted child differ from their chronological peers. We will provide after school and weekend activities of interest to gifted learners, providing them with more opportunities to express their interests in a social setting.

“Expecting all children the same age to learn from the same materials is like expecting all children the same age to wear the same size clothing.”
– Madeline Hunter



Membership Form

Please complete and return to:
 Lynn McMasters, Treasurer
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 Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

If you are a parent, where do your children attend school?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ledgeview Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Lee Eaton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Nordon Middle School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rushwood Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Nordon High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home school | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Type of Membership

- Parent/Family Educator Community

Membership

- Educator—Free! Annual Member \$10 Corporate Sponsor \$100

For a limited time, you can join the OAGC Parent Division through our organization for just FIVE DOLLARS more. More details available! Check this box if you would like to take advantage of this special offer.

Already a member of OAGC? Check this box.

Comments:

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New Membership

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