

Myths and Misconceptions

- ✦ Gifted kids have got everything going for them and will make it on their own without any special help.
- ✦ Parents and teachers should not discuss children's giftedness with them.
- ✦ Gifted children should love school, get high grades, and greet each new school day with enthusiasm.
- ✦ Gifted kids come from white-, middle-, and upper-class families.
- ✦ Gifted kids are good at everything they do.
- ✦ Teachers love to have gifted kids in their class.
- ✦ If gifted students are grouped together, they'll become snobbish and elitist.
- ✦ All gifted kids have trouble adjusting to school and forming friendships.
- ✦ Gifted student don't know they're different unless someone tells them.
- ✦ Gifted students need to be kept constantly busy and challenged or they'll get lazy.
- ✦ Gifted kids are equally mature in all areas – academic, physical, social, and emotional.