

Top Ten Things You Need to Know as a Parent of a Gifted Child

“The purpose of programs for gifted students is to identify and to nurture their abilities, thereby assisting these students to translate gifts of ‘potential’ into productive performances that are commensurate with their abilities.”

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1. Gifted students need to master required content. (Ohio’s standards, benchmarks, and grade level indicators)
2. Gifted students need to learn basic skills. (reading, writing, math)
3. Gifted students need to learn to present ideas through traditional product forms. (tests, reports, written communications)
4. Gifted students need to learn to understand how to access and organize information. (library, internet)
5. Gifted students need to understand themselves - their strengths and weaknesses, their interest and passions.
6. Gifted students need to learn how to interact with others successfully.
7. Gifted students need to learn coping skills for various issues: perfectionism, underachievement, emotional and physical sensitivity and intensities
8. Gifted students need help in ways people often assume they do not. Examples: organization skills, emotional/social issues
9. Gifted students need exposure to others like them and to engage in healthy levels of competition.

10. Gifted students need to be just kids and not always held under the gifted microscope.