

BRIGHT CHILD/GIFTED LEARNER

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BRIGHT CHILD

Knows the answers
Is interested
Is attentive
Has good ideas
Works hard
Answers the questions
Top group
Listens with interest
Learns with ease
6-8 repetitions for mastery
Understands ideas
Enjoys peers
Grasps the meaning
Completes assignments
Is receptive
Copies accurately
Enjoys school
Absorbs information
Technician
Good memorizer
Enjoys straightforward
Is alert
Is pleased with own learning

GIFTED LEARNER

Asks the questions
Is highly curious
Is mentally and physically involved
Has wild, silly ideas
Plays around, yet tests well
Discusses in detail, elaborates
Beyond the group
Shows strong feelings and opinions
Already knows
1-2 repetitions for mastery
Constructs abstractions
Prefers adults
Draws inferences
Initiates projects
Is intense
Creates a new design
Enjoys learning
Manipulates information
Inventor
Good guesser
Thrives on complexity
Is keenly observant
Is highly self-critical

"These lists are presented as guidelines, not as absolutes. A gifted child may not exhibit all of these qualities or may exhibit some in both columns. It is important for teachers to be aware that when any of these qualities are exhibited in a child, then it is reason to continue to watch the child, perhaps provide opportunities for using more complex ideas, and ask questions about unusual ideas shared by this child. Think of this as talent development, not formal identification but perhaps a rationale for screening for gifted services."