



Transcript from April 9, 2010 to April 9, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

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- 1:26 am **Jenniferkolari:** RT @DeborahMersino: Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be the subject of our noon/EST #gtchat tomorrow, 04.09. Join us!
- 1:26 am **Jenniferkolari:** RT @DeborahMersino: IQ Testing: Who, What, Where, When and How will be the subject of our 7pm/EST #gtchat tomorrow, 04.09. #gifted
- 1:29 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Sending this to my GT PLN'ers - my school district northwest of Houston has 2 GT Specialists positions open next year.
- 1:31 am **DeerValleyEd:** RT @teachagiftedkid: #gtchat Sending this to my GT PLN'ers - my school district northwest of Houston has 2 GT Specialists positions open next year.
- 3:32 am **mygiftedgirl:** RT @Jenniferkolari: RT @DeborahMersino: Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be the subject of our noon/EST #gtchat tomorrow, 04.09. Join us!
- 3:36 am **mygiftedgirl:** @DeborahMersino Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be the subject of our noon/EST #gtchat... <http://bit.ly/cWijVM>
- 5:55 am **Begabung:** RT @DeborahMersino: Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be the subject of our noon/EST #gtchat tomorrow, 04.09. Join us!
- 1:21 pm **profplayfair:** RT @DeborahMersino: Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be the subject of our noon/EST #gtchat 04.09. Join us!
- 2:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @teachagiftedkid: #gtchat Sending this to my GT PLN'ers - my school district northwest of Houston has 2 GT Specialists positions open next year.
- 2:06 pm **tonnet:** #gtchat
- 2:08 pm **CathRiordan:** Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be the topic of discussion for #gtchat at 5pm GMT today. Please join us!
- 2:09 pm **FrazzIld:** Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be the topic of discussion for #gtchat at 5pm GMT today. Please join us!
- 2:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** Cyberbullying, "fitting in", AP homework, lack of sleep, friendships, loneliness? Biggest worries of #gifted is r #gtchat topic @ noon/EST
- 2:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** College apps, eating disorders, 4th grade bully, parent's divorce, school boredom? Biggest worries of #gifted is r #gtchat topic @ noon/EST
- 2:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** Sibling rivalry, authority issu., econ. challenges, peer pressure, perfectionism? Biggest worries of #gifted is our #gtchat topic @ noon/EST
- 2:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** We're an hour away from #gtchat. Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be our topic. Join us at noon/EST; 5 pm/GMT
- 3:01 pm **PennyAW:** Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today will be the topic of discussion for #gtchat at 5pm GMT today. Please join us!
- 3:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.
- 3:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat. Today's topic: "Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today." Feel free to join us!
- 3:59 pm **dididrama:** What's the title of this evening's chat? #gtchat
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parents, educator, advocate) & where you reside. #gtchat #gifted

- 4:00 pm **clairehennesy:** HI #gtchat people! Am here from Ireland (teacher and writer who does some work w/gifted kids/teens).
- 4:00 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat. Todays topic: "Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today." Feel free to join us! #gtchat
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - Good evening! "Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today" #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik here (advocate & resource) with the Davidson Institute for Talent Development. I currently live in Las Vegas. #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, parent to 2 girls & consultant to GT communities residing in sunny Colorado.
- 4:01 pm **dididrama:** teacher in Dublin. #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **FrazzIld:** Hi folks! Catherine, parent and advocate from Ireland. #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **clairehennesy:** Think many #gifted kids/teens, as others, worry about interests/passions vs demands of formal education/job possibilites etc #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **dididrama:** @DeborahMersino is there a chat at 12pm GMT too? Didn't see the poll results! #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Glad to see everyone! While we're introducing ourselves, I'll pose our first question. What are the signs of stress that you notice? #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **dididrama:** @DeborahMersino woops, I mean 12am! #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **aposseadesse66:** Evening all, Karen From Dublin, parent and advocate #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @didirama - Yes. At 12pm/GMT, we'll be talking about IQ Testing, Who, What, Where, When and Why. #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **FrazzIld:** Looks like the Paddies are taking over!! #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **dididrama:** Hi @clairehennesy @FrazzIld @aposseadesse66 #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **dididrama:** @DeborahMersino Thanks! #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **aposseadesse66:** Mine can show stress in bad sleep patterns and mild physical tics which eventually go away #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** #Gifted have heightened sensitivities to their surrounding, events, ideas, expectations of self. - Kaplan #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - Agree! Ireland rocks. #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **theboysstore:** Good morning!! #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **FrazzIld:** Easily frustrated when things don't go as planned....which is usually perfect #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** aposseadesse66 - Difficulty sleeping is quite common. Headaches, nausea, change in appetite, frequent colds, fatigue also. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **dididrama:** Sleep is usually the first to go, I think #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **clairehennesy:** Agree w/@FrazzIld - in class, stress can come through w/ refusal to try new things, accept failure, accept non-instant learning! #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **theboysstore:** I hear you on that one RT @FrazzIld: Easily frustrated when things dont go as planned....which is usually perfect #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore - Welcome! We're discussing the signs of stress in #gifted. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Signs: Trouble concentrating, restlessness, irritability, social withdrawal, unwillingness to part. in family activities - Borba. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **FrazzIld:** Difficulty getting to sleep is another biggie. Can't switch brains off and worry/ruminate for hours, often over small things #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @clairehennesy: Agree w/@FrazzIld - in class, stress can come through

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- 7:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ClaireHennessy: Agreed w/ @FrazzIld - in class, stress can come through w/ refusal to try new things, accept failure, accept non-instant learning! #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** clairehennessy - Excellent point. Leslie Kaplan indicates big stressors occur as children move to more diff. acad. work. Will post. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **FrazzIld:** Once into teen years, also the need to fit in with peers vs the knowledge that they are different #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **theboysstore:** I have seen violent and loud outburst directed at themselves - mine goes as far as hitting her head on the walls - cartoon like #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DazzIld:** Karen here, back as DazzIld to my FrazzIld friend, sorry I logged in wrong account, apologies to all! #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Leslie Kaplan on Stress in #Gifted via ERIC Clearinghouse (TY @HoagiesGifted) <http://bit.ly/c1P4N6> #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DavidsonGifted:** heightened sensitivity - i.e. when little things trigger disproportionate reactions. This can be a sign of heightened stress level. #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** The #Gifted Kids Survival Guide by Judy Galbraith <http://bit.ly/diPw2o> #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DazzIld:** @theboysstore We get that here occasionally too #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **dididrama:** @theboysstore I had a student hit herself repeatedly in class once. "perfect or nothing" attitude is a problem #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DazzIld - Glad you're here Karen! We're talking about signs of stress in #gifted. #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **clairehennessy:** re: heightened stress levels @DavidsonGifted Also can be sign of general 'intensity' of #gifted, though? #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** B/c #gifted students are complex thinkers they can argue both sides of issues...can make decision-making difficult = stress. #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **dididrama:** what @clairehennessy said #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **FrazzIld:** Article on how gifted teens can hide stress: <http://bit.ly/hTqzP> #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **dididrama:** @DeborahMersino this also makes taking exams difficult - esp. Irish State exams! #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Boring schoolwork can even be a major stress - leading to frustration, confusion, challenge fitting in... #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **clairehennessy:** @dididrama 'perfect or nothing' also encouraged by school assessments - '10/10'-style marking rather than qualitative comments. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DazzIld:** The effort of fitting in, especially for teens, is stressful #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @DeborahMersino: B/c #gifted students are complex thinkers they can argue both sides of issues...can make decision-making difficult = stress. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Excellent list of resources on Stress in #Gifted via @HoagiesGifted | <http://bit.ly/cfhn7W> #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @clairehennessy Sure. I meant disproportionate per individual. This is diffnt for everyone depending on baseline level of intensity #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DazzIld: The effort of fitting in, especially for teens, is stressful #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **dididrama:** @clairehennessy agreed. saw this only today. "what mark did I get?" without even looking at feedback written. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question 2: What about the world we live in? 24/7 electronics, economic issues, divorce, NCLB (US), TV/sex, etc.? #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - Stress to a #gifted can be getting an A vs. A+. Hard for others to understand inner-working & self-expectations. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Long term stress can also lead to burnout- which might manifest as lack of interest, blase attitude, depression, illness, etc. #gtchat

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- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Getting back to a regularly occurring #gtchat subject. Parents' stress also contributes to kids' stress too.
- 4:21 pm **dididrama:** @Absolutely. There's also being #gifted but not being an "A student" because school assessment doesn't reflect - very frustrating. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **clairehennessy:** @DavidsonGifted Parents prob have better idea of baseline intensity of an individual - can be v difficult for educators to assess! #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Too many options, overcoming barriers/others' expectations, asynchronous development, socialization = stress. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Long term stress can also lead to burnout- which might manifest as lack of interest, blase attitude, depression, illness, etc. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Some kids we work with have high sense of social/enviro justice concerns. Encourage to get involved - empower them #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Critical point. So true. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: How can parents, teachers, counselors reduce stress on #gifted students? #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** The ERIC article by Kaplan addresses tips in more detail, but I'll highlight. #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **dididrama:** @DavidsonGifted Unfortunalely that may lead to stress in itself! Especially in Ireland right now! #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @clairehennessy True. Educator might notice when a student reacts to something uncharacteristically (once they know the student). #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **growupwithbooks:** @DeborahMersino GREAT question! #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **FrazzIld:** The old cliché of praising the effort, not the grade is one way. #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **inkwellHQ:** #gtchat fab, just tuning in. Stress caused by overthinking everything 2 - can project eventualities u the parent don't c. Need 2 talk abt it
- 4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** TIP: Help each #gifted student understand & cope w/ his or her intellectual, social & emot. needs at each stage of development. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **dididrama:** @FrazzIld Agreed. And praising achievements. It seems silly but we sometimes forget to do it! #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **clairehennessy:** Cliched but very very crucial! RT @FrazzIld The old cliché of praising the effort, not the grade is one way. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** TIP: Help each student develop a realistic and accurate self-concept. (not responsible for solving world problems at 8) - Kaplan #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **getsweetie:** Sweetie Berry Gt Ed Cons and parent of 4, specializing in Learning Differences #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **FrazzIld:** Hi @inkwellHQ. Good point about overthinking #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @inkwellHQ - Glad you popped in...great point. @growupwithbooks - Glad you're here too! #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Fighting Invisible Tigers: A Stress Management Guide for Teens: <http://bit.ly/d2b4yD> #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @clairehennessy: Cliched but very very crucial! RT @FrazzIld The old cliché of praising the effort, not the grade is one way. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **dididrama:** @inkwellHQ great point #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @getsweetie - Welcome! #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Fighting Invisible Tigers: A Stress Management Guide for Teens: <http://bit.ly/d2b4yD> #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DazzIld:** @DavidsonGifted Great book, just bought it for my teen #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat A1 The increasing of a gt learner activity level to avoid the stress that

- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino**: TIP: Show patience. {Here's a big one for us all}. Kaplan suggests letting students select & strive toward own goals. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **FrazzIld**: @DazzIld Can I borrow it when you're done?! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino**: TIP: Don't compare them to others. Help them develop patience w/themselves. - Kaplan #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DavidsonGifted**: @DeborahMersino Great point. Use our life experience as adults to put the world into context. They dont have the wisdom to do so yet #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **dididrama**: RT @getsweetie: #gtchat A1The increasing of a gt learner activity level to avoid the stress that being "still" brings egoverthinking #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino**: TIP: Show acceptance. {True acceptance, including their intensities/OEs}. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DazzIld**: @FrazzIld Sure! #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **clairehennessy**: Own goals important. & have balance between external validation (e.g. grades) and self-validation (e.g. effort, learned something) #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **FrazzIld**: @inkwellHQ I don't believe it..another Irish tweeter! Great to see you here. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **dididrama**: @getsweetie great point. The feeling of not being able to switch off the brain is helpless and frustrating #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **FrazzIld**: Good point: RT @DeborahMersino: TIP: Dont compare them to others. Help them develop patience w/themselves. - Kaplan #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **theboysstore**: RT @DeborahMersino: TIP: Show acceptance. {True acceptance, including their intensities/OEs}. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **getsweetie**: #gtchat Reduce Stress by helping monitor truly what all learners are scheduled for...they don't recog over involvement
- 4:30 pm **DavidsonGifted**: @DazzIld Great! I appreciate the "self help" type books. So effective as opposed to parents/teachers doing it for them. #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino**: TIP: Encourage flexibility and appropriate behavior. Help them answer "Why?" questions. -Kaplan {their innate curiosity = stress} #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **dididrama**: (Beware #gifted advocates, the Irish are taking over) #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **getsweetie**: #gtchat Help them find others at their ability level...often the isolation is stressing
- 4:32 pm **theboysstore**: I agree, works well RT DavidsonGifted: @DazzIld Great! I appreciate the "self help" type books. So effective as opposed to... #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino**: TIP: Drum roll please....Let them live their own lives. - Kaplan. #gtchat {What does that mean to us all/bring up?}
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @getsweetie: #gtchat Help them find others at their ability level...often the isolation is stressing
- 4:32 pm **theboysstore**: So true - can be a challenge RT @getsweetie: #gtchat Help them find others at their ability level...often the isolation is stressing
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino**: An article by James Webb of SENG on finding a counselor for #gifted | <http://bit.ly/dzulay> #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **getsweetie**: #gtchat Help learners realize that there are choices and its okay to choose less than best at times
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino**: TIP: Slowing down. Slowing down. Slowing down. Can we model this? Talk directly about importance of down time w/them. #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **FrazzIld**: True RT @getsweetie: #gtchat Help them find others at their ability level...often the isolation is stressing #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DazzIld**: @DeborahMersino I agree, let them live their own life while still guiding them in

- 4:34 pm **clairehennessy:** @getsweetie Or often that 'best' can be subjective - what's 'best' for someone else (or at a different time) not always best now. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** TIP: Remember their asynchronous development. They need our guidance/support/attention/ears at each stage. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **theboysstore:** Need to learn to slow down so that I can teach it - any resources??? #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **SArkras:** RT @getsweetie: #gtchat Reduce Stress by helping monitor truly what all learners are scheduled for...they don't recog over involvement
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore The Fourth R - Relaxation via @DukeTIP newsletter. <http://bit.ly/b96Dj1> #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **clairehennessy:** 'Slowing down' can be v difficult and often no good examples around for #gifted kids or teens - educators & parents are v busy!! #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DazzlId:** RT @clairehennessy: @getsweetie Or often that 'best' can be subjective - what's 'best' for someone else (or at a different time) not always best now. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DazzlId Yes, balance is def. delicate. Sylvia Rimm talks about the "V of Love" which can help parents strike this balance #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **theboysstore:** My toughest challenge - remember that they are kids & foster "kid" style activities - they so want to be grown-ups #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat The boundaries of childhood/teen years/ personhood are always to be reinforced...often gt are overresponsible in their minds
- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Can you say more about Rimm's V of love? #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **getsweetie:** As a teacher I found that scheduling in time to simply help discuss awareness of life issues was important #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **theboysstore:** @dididrama * How do you teach attitude reversal - tried several approaches haven't succeed at any yet #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **cybraryman1:** Dealing with children you need a bag of tricks <http://www.cybraryman.com/dealingwchildren.html> #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **getsweetie:** one effective method is to teach learners to take a 3 minute "what is my stress level" timeout in writing/drawing daily #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @clairehennessy I agree. I've been inspired by books like "Linchpin" by S. Godin regarding how we live/work today. Thought-provoking #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **theboysstore:** @DeborahMersino * Thank you wil look into that - can teach relaxation if I can't do it myself #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **getsweetie:** I sometimes used the 3 minute draw/write/access your stress activity as a sponge before or middle of class #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **clairehennessy:** @GetSweetie 'Importance' needs to be okay to say for various activities, not just academic/achievement-oriented. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **theboysstore:** @DazzlId * How did you deal with it?? - I am trying to give the teacher some solutions #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **cybraryman1:** How to talk so kids will listen good program to reduce stress #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **getsweetie:** There is also the burden of the adults/parents around you at times allowing inapprop levels of respons for our gt learners #gtchat p1
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore - Does the teacher understand #gifted? #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DazzlId:** Sylvia Rimm's V of love explained: http://www.sylviarimm.com/article_foundprinpar.html #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **getsweetie:** p2 #gtchat Sometimes we forget that unless made to understand diff gt learners often assume life is their issue to solve
- 4:41 pm **FrazzId:** Stress Reduction Strategies for Gifted Children by @ThereseHaberman :

<http://bit.ly/csleV> #gtchat

- 4:41 pm **clairehennessy:** @DeborahMersino Ooh, will have to look at that! #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @getsweetie - Great suggestions. #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Age app.choices within boundries.Start with few choices & work toward more as they grow. hard to expl. fully here #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **getsweetie:** things like "What is my purpose" is tough when a gt child can be great at 1K thing! #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **theboysstore:** Like it! RT @getsweetie: 1 effective method is 2 teach learners 2 take a 3 min "what is my stress level" timeout in writing...daily #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **getsweetie:** and sometimes its recognition that "relaxing" for #gt may be inputting, creating, thinking...#gtchat
- 4:43 pm **dididrama:** @theboysstore I'm not sure I've hit the nail on the head but I make sure my attitude to learning is a healthy one & it goes through #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @clairehennessy I esp. like it b/c our kids are living/will live in dfft world. What worked/career paths = vastly diff. Gr8 insights #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **jbowring:** RT @DeborahMersino: TIP: Remember their asynchronous development. They need our guidance/support/attention/ears at each stage. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @getsweetie: and sometimes its recognition that "relaxing" for #gt may be inputting, creating, thinking...#gtchat
- 4:43 pm **theboysstore:** She better than the last 1 just not quite there yet :-). @DeborahMersino: @theboysstore - Does the teacher understand #gifted? #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **growupwithbooks:** RT @DazzlId: Sylvia Rimm's V of love explained: http://www.sylviarimm.com/article_foundprinpar.html #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @getsweetie - Yes, creating is my dd's greatest relaxer. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **theboysstore:** Thank you will use that RT @getsweetie: and sometimes its recognition that "relaxing" for #gt may be inputting, creating, thinking...#gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - TY. Will look into more! Appreciate it. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DazzlId: Sylvia Rimm's V of love explained: http://www.sylviarimm.com/article_foundprinpar.html #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **Begabungs:** Greeting from Germany! We use the power of pos. thinking and mind controlling and it helps good #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **SArkras:** RT @getsweetie: p2 #gtchat Sometimes we forget that unless made to understand diff gt learners often assume life is their issue to solve
- 4:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jbowring - Welcome. Glad to see you here! #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat How many of you find your gt learners rarely truly trust enough to openly talk about their stressers?
- 4:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @getsweetie: p2 #gtchat Sometimes we forget that unless made to understand diff gt learners often assume life is their issue to solve
- 4:45 pm **Begabungs:** flow and balance between thinking, feeling and act #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **theboysstore:** TY RT @dididrama @theboysstore I'm not sure I've hit the nail on the head but I make sure my attitude to learning is a healthy 1... #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat very often my learners at school knew "correct" or "pat" answers but more cautious about saying it like it was...or recognizing it
- 4:46 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Tips for Parents: <http://bit.ly/d1hWwl> helping #gifted kids relax through meditation & relaxation #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @getsweetie - Think it's quite common for them to look at stress/life as their own issue to solve. You're right on...excellent point #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **jasantbedell:** RT @cybraryman1: Dealing with children you need a bag of tricks <http://www.cybraryman.com/dealing-with-children.html> #gtchat

- 4:46 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat How much stress is caused by the dichotomy between thinking quickly and having to wait on skills to express thoughts?
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Tips for Parents: <http://bit.ly/d1hWwl> helping #gifted kids relax through meditation & relaxation #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **Begabung:** creative thinking to focus on the solution it can help to be relaxed #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **theboysstore:** Will ponder that 1 RT @getsweetie: #gtchat How much stress is caused by the dichotomy between thinking quickly and having to wait on...
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @getsweetie True on so many levels at every single stage! (The dichotomy b/w thinking quickly and being able to express immediately) #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat and for some of my learners helping them find "blank wall space" while they created mattered
- 4:49 pm **theboysstore:** Great idea, thanks RT @Begabung: creative thinking to focus on the solution it can help to be relaxed #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat my classroom learners often needed literally a wall empty to be able to relax, focus on current thinking
- 4:49 pm **clairehennessy:** Encouraging expression through other outlets e.g. art, music, dance etc can be useful, not just verbal/written. #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've got 10 minutes left. What has today's chat brought up/made you think about? What might you consider doing this wk differently? #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DazzIld:** RT @clairehennessy: Encouraging expression through other outlets e.g. art, music, dance etc can be useful, not just verbal/written. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @getsweetie That "tips for parents" article I just posted a link to addresses this directly #gtchat. good timing!
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @clairehennessy - Excellent. We find exercise = vital stress reliever! #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat I'll be suggesting that my gt teen choose downtime as one activity while she listens to her other one... :)
- 4:51 pm **alisonwells:** @clairehennessy Love that point you made about external and self-validation, so important for them to find intrinsic satisfaction #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **dididrama:** Music is so brilliant for #gifted kids. Learning an instrument presents challenges and the opportunity to learn how to deal w/stress #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **theboysstore:** Sit back and watch instead of jumping in to try an help - track signs and find potential solutions for next week :-) #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **Begabung:** we start a program for coaching gifted children with problems & it is based on steve Deshazer solution oriented method #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @alisonwells: @clairehennessy Love that point you made about external and self-validation, so important for them to find intrinsic satisfaction #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat and when working with gt tchrs...helping them recognize that sometimes its as important to access lives as lessons
- 4:52 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @DeborahMersino: What has chat brought up? #gtchat I'm thinking that the V of Love is WAY too one-size-fits-all. Gives me the willies.
- 4:52 pm **theboysstore:** WooHoo RT @DeborahMersino: @clairehennessy - Excellent. We find exercise = vital stress reliever! #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DazzIld:** Our trampoline is a great stress reliever, it gets used all year long, even when they're not stressed too! #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** Blank slate. Quiet. Conversations re feelings. Helping them name feelings. Discussing hurts, dreams, hopes, vision. #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **getsweetie:** RT @DeborahMersino: @clairehennessy - Excellent. We find exercise = vital stress reliever! #gtchat/ yes!

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

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getsweetie: RT @DavidsonGifted: @getsweetie That "tips for parents" article I just posted a link to addresses this directly #gtchat. good timing! yay!

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Begabung: love is part of pos. thinking like what Dr. Fredrickson wrote in her book positivity #gtchat

4:54 pm

theboysstore: Making me think Thks RT @Begabung: we start a program 4 coaching gifted children with problems & it is based on steve Deshazer... #gtchat

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getsweetie: #gtchat I often sneak in a race that requires crawling for fun...e.g. get them physically crawling even as big guys

4:55 pm

growupwithbooks: @DeborahMersino At night...lights out...saying goodnight...chatting like this can bring out imp. topics. #gtchat

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getsweetie: RT @dididrama: Music is so brilliant for #gifted kids. Learning an instrument presents challenges and the opportunity to learn how to deal w/stress #gtchat

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clairehennessy: Taking away a lot to think about from today's chat, folks! Thanks muchly. :) #gtchat

4:56 pm

getsweetie: #gtchat helping learners understand that today's frustration will lessen IF addressed as skill to be learned p1

4:56 pm

DeborahMersino: Thinking about limits, values, problem-solving, discussing pros and cons. #gtchat

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getsweetie: #gtchat p2 e.g. skill to be learned identified as not overscheduling, an objective skill to be attained, etc

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DazzlId: I think we need to turn off electronic stuff more often, we need Earth Hour once a week. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @getsweetie: #gtchat helping learners understand that today's frustration will lessen IF addressed as skill to be learned p1

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DeborahMersino: RT @DazzlId: I think we need to turn off electronic stuff more often, we need Earth Hour once a week. #gtchat

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theboysstore: Started that - works wonders RT @DazzlId: I think we need to turn off electronic stuff more often, we need Earth Hour once a week. #gtchat

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getsweetie: #gtchat Thank you all for such insightful input...I love that we all learn here!

4:57 pm

Begabung: most gt kids are creative and like to solve their problems themselves and we just should support them #gtchat

4:57 pm

DeborahMersino: Thank you to all of our global participants. I'm inspired by the collaboration and appreciate everyone's input! #gtchat

4:58 pm

dididrama: RT @DazzlId: I think we need to turn off electronic stuff more often, we need Earth Hour once a week. - Agreed! #gtchat

4:58 pm

DavidsonGifted: Great chat everyone, gotta run. Email us at info@davidsongifted.org if we can be of assistance or provide resources. Thanks Deborah! #gtchat

4:58 pm

FrazzId: LOL! RT @DeborahMersino: RT @DazzlId: I think we need to turn off electronic stuff more often, we need Earth Hour once a week. #gtchat

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DazzlId: @theboysstore Will follow suit so and chill out more often #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: @DavidsonGifted - Always appreciate your presence. Thank you!! #gtchat

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dididrama: Thanks @DeborahMersino #gtchat

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DazzlId: Thank you Deborah, hope to catch you all later #gtchat

4:59 pm

theboysstore: Thanks all - Love that I added more to my "reading" list - can't wait to try some of the "solutions" #gtchat

4:59 pm

Begabung: I would like to invite you all to my lecture in secondlife on april 24th about development of giftedness in a virtual world #gtchat

5:00 pm

DeborahMersino: That's it for today's #gtchat session. Here's to continued learning and helping #nifted students!

- 5:00 pm **Begabungs:** Thank you Deborah, keep on doing this great job! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **theboysstore:** Let me know how it goes RT @DazzlId: @theboysstore Will follow suit so and chill out more often #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **getsweetie:** RT @Begabungs: I would like to invite you all to my lecture in secondlife on april 24th about development of giftedness in a virtual world #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **FrazzIId:** @DeborahMersino Thank you. Hope to chat again later. #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **clairehennesy:** Thanks @DeborahMersino and everyone else for another great session! #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **Begabungs:** @theboysstore good idea I can say.Let me know if we can support and share our experience with you! #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **theboysstore:** Thanks RT @Begabungs @theboysstore good idea I can say.Let me know if we can support and share our experience with you! #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **inkwellHQ:** @FrazzIId Sorry only back now at the end! Thanks for the welcome #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @DeborahMersino Thanks again! Been watching although still caught up in advocacy work. #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **FrazzIId:** @inkwellHQ Hope we see you again. Next chat at midnight tonight...! #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **Begabungs:** midnight is which time in Europe? I would like to join but at first I need some Kaffee #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **FrazzIId:** @Begabungs Its's midnight GMT. Coffee will be taken here too! #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Tips for Parents: <http://bit.ly/d1hWwl> helping #gifted kids relax through meditation & relaxation #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **Begabungs:** RT @Giftedkidsie: RT @DavidsonGifted: Tips for Parents: <http://bit.ly/d1hWwl> helping #gifted kids relax through meditation & relaxation #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **FrazzIId:** IQ Testing: Who, What, Where, When and How will be the subject of our midnightGMT #gtchat tonight. #gifted Have a coffee and join us!
- 5:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIId: IQ Testing: Who, What, Where, When and How will be the subject of our midnightGMT #gtchat tonight. #gifted Have a coffee and join us!
- 5:47 pm **Begabungs:** RT @FrazzIId: IQ Testing: Who, What, Where, When and How will be the subject of our midnightGMT #gtchat tonight. #gifted Have a coffee and join us!
- 6:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore The Fourth R - Relaxation via @DukeTIP newsletter. <http://bit.ly/b96Dj1> #gtchat <http://bit.ly/cGhVQs>
- 6:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from noon/EST #gtchat "Biggest Worries of #Gifted Children/Teens Today" <http://bit.ly/cGhVQs> {scroll to 4pm/GMT for start}
- 8:59 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @FrazzIId: IQ Testing: Who, What, Where, When and How will be the subject of our midnightGMT #gtchat tonight. #gifted
- 9:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Our #gtchat session on IQ Testing: Who, What, Where, When, Why & How will be at 7pm/EST & midnight/GMT #gifted
- 10:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Have questions about IQ testing? Join us for #gtchat in an hour (7pm/EST, midnight/GMT) #gifted
- 10:02 pm **StepfamilyTalk:** RT @DeborahMersino: Have questions about IQ testing? Join us for #gtchat in an hour (7pm/EST, midnight/GMT) #gifted
- 10:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** Gathering lots of pragmatic resources for upcoming #gtchat (in 20 minutes) on IQ Testing. Join us! #gifted
- 10:50 pm **FrazzIId:** RT @DeborahMersino: Gathering lots of pragmatic resources for upcoming #gtchat (in 10 minutes) on IQ Testing. Join us! #gifted #gtchat
- 10:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 @FrazzIId - Thank you both for the RTs. You've helped make #gtchat what it is!
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.

- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat everyone! Our topic: IQ Testing: Who, What, Where, When and How? #gifted
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment & introduce yourself, your role (parent, student, educator, advocate, counselor) & where you reside. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mom to 2 girls (one 2E), consultant to GT communities. I'm in gorgeous Colorado.
- 11:03 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Hi everone. Good topic. I certainly have done a lot of testing over the years, but not usually for gt! #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** While everyone introduces themselves, I'm going to start putting up some links to excellent resources on this subject. #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DazzIld:** Karen here in Dublin, Ireland parent to 2 boys, 1 girl #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **Ijconrad:** excited to be back! Parent of two gifted teens from Pittsburgh area.#gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Hello Deborah. Erik (resource & advocate) with the Davidson Institute here again from Las Vegas. #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **FrazzIld:** Hello from Ireland. Catherine, mother of 2 teens. Have resorted to coffee to keep me awake tonight! #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** What We Have Learned About #Gifted Children by Dr. Linda Silverman | Great insights/research re IQ Testing | <http://bit.ly/dvfbHS> #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **cybraryman1:** IQ tests originated to differentiate between children who were intellectually normal & those who were inferior! (Binet 1904) #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Here's the answer to the "Why Should I Have My Child Tested" by Carolyn K. of @HoagiesGifted | <http://bit.ly/9PdYZ9> #gtchat #gifted
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tips for Parents: IQ Testing and How To Use It by @DavidsonGifted | <http://bit.ly/9BVjc1> #gtchat #gifted
- 11:06 pm **chrstinef:** Hi everyone - I am here for a bit! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Testing & Assessment: What Do the Tests Tell Us? by Carolyn K. of @HoagiesGifted | <http://bit.ly/b2VF2T> #gtchat #gifted
- 11:07 pm **chrstinef:** As a school psychologist, I administer many many IQ tests yearly. Happy to answer any questions if I can. #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** IQ Tests and #Gifted Children via @DukeTIP | <http://bit.ly/dpallS> {includes a brief history} #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** IQ Tests and Your Child by Carolyn Callahan & Howard Eichner via @NAGCGIFTED | <http://bit.ly/b2Ka2l> #gtchat #gifted
- 11:08 pm **Ijconrad:** Does your school have a strict cut-off at 130 for gifted program? #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Happy to have everyone here! What are your questions? #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Ijconrad - Most programs consider more than just the score (they should). #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Thank for posting Deborah. Here is another with a bit more detail for those new to GT: <http://bit.ly/bUKB40> #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat IQ measures your ability to complete meaningless tasks in a time-monitored environment. Doesn't identify many gifted kids.
- 11:10 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat IQ is useful for some research and not much else.
- 11:11 pm **rugcernie:** @cybraryman1 #gtchat They were part of eugenics in its early stages.
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Ijconrad According to Silverman, parents are excellent identifiers of giftedness in their children. See earlier post / 84%. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino Thank for posting Deborah. Here is

another with a bit more detail for those new to GT: <http://bit.ly/bUKB40> #gtchat

- 11:12 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino In the recent past our dist used this to deny services. Getting better in last 2 yrs #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: @ljconrad - Most programs consider more than just the score (they should). #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **chrstinef:** @ljconrad It is not considered best practice - so I'm glad your ditrict is changing. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Boz23 - Good to see you! NAGC cites that "IQ scores only give info. about one specific facet of intelligence..." #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **FrazzIld:** Agree, IQ can have little bearing on giftedness but may be the only way to "prove" giftedness to a teacher. No school progs here #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DazzIld:** I'm curious about test ceilings, WISC-III in particular. What is a ceiling and what does it indicate? #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Boz23 - However, when administered properly and utilized w/other criteria, they can be helpful in advocacy efforts/proper ed. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - This article by Julia Osborn posted on @HoagiesGifted discusses low ceilings. <http://bit.ly/9eaTyU> #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Any test is only as good as the person administering, scoring and interpreting it. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino @Boz23 When administered properly & utilized w/other criteria, they can be helpful in advocacy efforts/proper ed. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **chrstinef:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Any test is only as good as the person administering, scoring and interpreting it. So true! #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DazzIld - Sorry, my last tweet should have been directed to you (re low ceilings). #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **FrazzIld:** So true! RT @GaryBrannigan: Any test is only as good as the person administering, scoring and interpreting it. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** There is also a big difference between IQ Testing & assessments. The Carolyn K. articles discuss this (esp. group assessments). #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Examiners need to be knowledgeable about giftedness, and be able to fill up the white space with their observations #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DazzIld:** @DeborahMersino Thanks, got that! And it mentions a problem with low ceilings on the test used for my son (WISC-III) #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Regarding the when, Dr. Linda Silverman indicates the ideal age for testing is b/w 5 & 8 1/2 years. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: There is also a big difference between IQ Testing & assessments. The Carolyn K. articles discuss this #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DavidsonGifted:** I believe the ceiling on the WISC III is 160 for full scale IQ. Correct me if I am wrong. WISC IV does have extended norms option #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat Hi back Deborah. Sometimes IQ is good for advocacy but parents can place too much emphasis and use it as an excuse for behaviour.
- 11:20 pm **chrstinef:** @GaryBrannigan This can be a challenge sometimes...as most are not trained in giftedness #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Dr. Silverman also notes brothers and sisters are usually within five to ten points in measured ability. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **chrstinef:** @DavidsonGifted that is correct #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **FrazzIld:** In Ireland, GT not much recognised. Can be difficult to get a psych who understands the idea of giftedness #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DazzIld:** RT @chrstinef: @GaryBrannigan This can be a challenge sometimes...as most are not trained in giftedness/ It's a niche market. Tell #gtchat

- 11:22 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Hoagies Gifted does a great job explaining ceiling effects: http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/highly_profoundly.htm #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @chrstinef Good point about lack of preparation in examiners. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Boz23 - You'll get no argument for me on that one; however, intensities and overexcitabilities are factors & need support. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Boz23 - IQ tests can also be helpful in identifying twice-exceptional students (gifted w/learning disabilities). #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **GaryBrannigan:** There is a concern about false positives and negatives, especially with younger children. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @chrstinef So true. Very important to find someone who has experience with this population in order to gain valid measures. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Hoagies Gifted does a great job explaining ceiling effects: http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/highly_profoundly.htm #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **ljconrad:** More education needed for staff and teachers regarding gifted kids! Our parents' group advocates for this constantly. #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **Frazzlld:** Where GT not provided for in ed system/psychs not trained, we rely on an IQ score over 130 to convince the powers that be. So wrong #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **chrstinef:** @ljconrad very very true! #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **Dazzlld:** @DavidsonGifted Thanks for links. Should a child be tested on another test if they reach many subtest ceilings? #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I think that most psychologists are not trained on any other tests besides IQ tests to assess giftedness #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan Good point. I found Carolyn's article re group assessments intriguing. Some #gifted will get artificially low scores. #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **Frazzlld:** @ljconrad That's why parents like myself and @Dazzlld are so vocal here. We are starting from almost nothing #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @ljconrad Yup. Keep pounding the drum. Its sometimes painfully slow progress, but progress nonetheless. One school/teacher at a time! #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Most widely used individual IQ tests for school-aged youngsters: WISC-III and Stanford-Binet Intelligence Test (SB-IV) via NAGC. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Group tests generally are not as reliable as individual tests. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **ljconrad:** Teacher recommendations need to be given more consideration. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld @Dazzlld - I feel for you. I do know some professionals like @DeborahRuf offer assessments worldwide. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** Agree! RT @GaryBrannigan @DeborahMersino Group tests generally are not as reliable as individual tests. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat I always recommend IQ tests to parents of 2E or similar but not for kids who are achieving well and recognised as gifted already
- 11:30 pm **DavidsonGifted:** What do the psychs think of the SB-LM? I have heard mixed reviews of the validity of such an old/outdated test due to Flynn effect #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** "IQ is not the best measure or predictor for everyone or for all success measures." - Callahan/Eichner (so important to remember) #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **Frazzlld:** Important that a psych can decipher subscore discrepancies on an assessment and know when to use GAI instead of FSIQ for 2E #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Boz23 - Makes sense. It should be all about serving the child, not getting a label. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzlld: Important that a psych can decipher subscore discrepancies on an assessment and know when to use GAI instead of FSIQ for 2E #gtchat

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- 11:32 pm **chrstinef:** @DavidsonGifted I don't love it. I tend to like more neurologically based, current tests #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **chrstinef:** @FrazzIld ABSOLUTELY! #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat IQ tests don't recognise cultural giftedness - giftedness is culturally situated.
- 11:32 pm **FrazzIld:** @Boz23 Agree. Don't see the point of assessing a child who is doing well #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @Boz23 Good point. Testing should only be done for a reason, not just to satisfy a curiosity or to try to score better than last time. #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat Interesting that Flynn is in New Zealand but we don't use IQ tests in NZ schools!
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - What do you use for what ages? #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **chrstinef:** @DavidsonGifted YEP! #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **FrazzIld:** @Boz23 What do you use? #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **DazzIld:** @Boz23 How are gifted learners identified in NZ schools? #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino I like the CAS for most school-aged kids...in connection with other measures #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Boz23 - Out of curiosity, what do you use relative to assessment in New Zealand? #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat @DavidsonGifted Guess I still suffer from childhood comparisons with my 'genius' cousin - IQ 160 plus - it was a conversation piece.
- 11:36 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @chrstinef Thanks. Scores on the LM can be so high, but scores on SB IV or V are lower and people get worried. They are not comparable #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Hoagies Gifted does a great job explaining ceiling effects: http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/highly_profoundly.htm #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** Our school district uses CoGAT. One dd did exceptionally well; the other (2E) didn't (except in one area) #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **chrstinef:** @DavidsonGifted very true #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **inkwellHQ:** RT @FrazzIld: @Boz23 Agree. Don't see the point of assessing a child who is doing well #gtchat > me too, agree there!
- 11:37 pm **DazzIld:** @Boz23 That's why I would be reluctant to discuss my kids scores with them..it's just a snapshot on a given day #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat Always a range of identifiers - parents, peers, school checklists based on each school's unique identity, cultural indicators...
- 11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hi @GiftedHF - Glad you're here! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat ...Teacher observation scales, Teacher judgement - only effective if teachers have had PD in gifted and now that's not happening.
- 11:39 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I try not to even mention the words "smart" or "intelligent". I focus on effort attributions #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** "An IQ score should never be the sole basis used in determining giftedness & minimum cut-offs should not be used." Callahan/Eichner #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **FrazzIld:** I know 1 who was deemed not gifted on FSIQ of 127 at age 6! Turned out on reassessment 7 years of heartache later, he is 2E #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **inkwellHQ:** @DazzIld @GiftedHF Had never even considered levels of giftedness . Yikes #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **chrstinef:** @GaryBrannigan wise #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **Ijconrad:** Assessment is the only way to get any enrichment or services here and IQ is

- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino**: Early intervention and identification, though, can help with ensuring the optimal learning environment. (Paraphrase Silverman) #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **Boz23**: #gtchat Understanding levels of giftedness was a huge revelation for me.
- 11:41 pm **DazzlId**: So if we can't compare between tests, are schools experienced enough to distinguish higher LM scores and lower WISC and SB4/5 #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DeborahMersino**: Silverman: By age of 9, highly gifted children may hit the ceiling of the tests & gifted girls may be socialized to hide abilities #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **FrazzId**: @DeborahMersino Hence my extreme frustration with the psych who didn't spot it at age 6, even though the right question was asked #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **Boz23**: #gtchat NZ schools are self-governing so each school is responsible for its own ID and programming - pluses and minuses
- 11:43 pm **FrazzId**: @DazzlId In this country? Are you kidding?!!! #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino**: Regarding @DeborahRuf - Her site talking about levels of giftedness can be found at www.educationaloptions.com. #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **GiftedHF**: @DeborahMersino Hi, Deborah -- I'm multitasking :-) #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **DeborahMersino**: @FrazzId - I was grateful that Northwestern Center for Talent Development had/has screenings for age 4 & up for its programs. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DazzlId**: @Boz23 Sounds good in theory! How do kids qualify for your one-day schools? Regular school recommendation? #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **FrazzId**: @DeborahMersino I believe @DeborahRuf is about to launch a new online assessment #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DavidsonGifted**: @DazzlId Hopefully the person making a determination for services can. It is not that can't compare but 160 on SBIV is not 160 on LM #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino**: Many of you may already know this, but second children are recognized as gifted much less frequently than first-borns/only children. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **DeborahMersino**: @FrazzId - Yes, she is...will be very cost-effective. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **FrazzId**: @DeborahMersino My 2nd didn't like the psych who assessed her as she called her "slow". She took it to mean stupid and clammed up! #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino**: Gifted/learning-disabled children & visual-spatial learners usually have at least one parent w/same learning pattern. -Silverman #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DazzlId**: @DeborahMersino Lol, I'm a second (middle!) child so I am a champion of my second son, different but just as gifted! #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **Boz23**: @DazzlId #gtchat Schools recommend for ! day programmes but not all schools buy into them. They are private institutions - there is a cost.
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino**: @FrazzId - So sorry to hear that. Rotten assessor! #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **Boz23**: @DeborahMersino #gtchat I suspect many 2nd chn have diverse gifts - eg creative - not picked up by IQ tests.
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino**: Do any of you know much about WPPSI-III? #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **Boz23**: #gtchat IQ tests are terrible for high creatives.
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino**: @Boz23 - I suppose that's why I'm a fan of Dr. Silverman. She identifies visual-spatial, etc. www.gifteddevelopment.com. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **GaryBrannigan**: @Boz23 IQ tests do not assess divergent thinking. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DazzlId**: RT @Boz23: #gtchat IQ tests are terrible for high creatives./ I agree, not much room for the zanier brain. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **GiftedHF**: What she said. --> RT @mygiftedgirl: @DeborahMersino Thanks again! Been watching although still caught up in advocacy work. #gtchat

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- 11:53 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino Honestly - not a fan (of any of the Wechsler IQ tests) #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** Re advocacy, tho, the more egalitarian gifted programs attempt to be, the less defensible they are - Silverman. {True.} #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **FrazzIld:** Linda Silverman is one of my heroes. Learned a lot from her books/website <http://www.gifteddevelopment.com/> #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **cybraryman1:** @DazzIld Do IQ test measure common sense. I know a lot of brilliant people who lack it! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @GaryBrannigan IQ tests do not assess divergent thinking. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Oldest took it at 5 - scored gifted, but very low processing quotient. #gtchat (could be the 2E, could be the test)?
- 11:54 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Good point. the programs that include the most children will likely get the most support #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino Gotta go...great chat as always! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DazzIld:** @cybraryman1 Too true! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino probably both! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Grateful you were here! Thank you for your sage input. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @cybraryman1 Common sense is not that common! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **FrazzIld:** LOL! RT @GaryBrannigan: @cybraryman1 Common sense is not that common! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **GiftedHF:** Tips for Parents: IQ Testing and How To Use It (via @DeborahMersino and @DavidsonGifted) #gifted #gtchat <http://bit.ly/aU92pW>
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan Actually, we see the opposite. The definition of giftedness is getting so broad, it's harder to defend. Make sense? #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @DeborahMersino: The definition of giftedness is getting so broad, its harder to defend. Make sense?...Perfect! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DazzIld:** Still comes down to advocacy in the end, an IQ score is just a starting point to provide appropriate education #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **Ijconrad:** Learned a lot tonight! Can we chat more about 2E in the future? #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you everyone for another insightful #gtchat. Grateful we had psych pros with us for this discussion.
- 11:58 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino I was actually referring to defense of programs that involve a lot of children - which some schools advocate #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **FrazzIld:** True RT @DazzIld: Still comes down to advocacy in the end, an IQ score is just a starting point to provide appropriate education #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **Boz23:** #gtchat Giftedness is like creativity - amorphous and in the end probably impossible to define. I like Gagne's model.
- 11:59 pm **GiftedHF:** IQ Tests and Gifted Children (oldie but goodie!) (via @DeborahMersino and @DukeTIP) #gifted #gtchat <http://bit.ly/9qF0b8>
- 11:59 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DazzIld Well said. #gtchat. IQ is just a starting point.
- 11:59 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Thank you Deborah. Time flies! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **Oregon2E:** RT @GiftedHF: IQ Tests and Gifted Children (oldie but goodie!) (via @DeborahMersino and @DukeTIP) #gifted #gtchat <http://bit.ly/9qF0b8>
- 11:59 pm **Oregon2E:** Tips for Parents: IQ Testing and How To Use It (via @DeborahMersino and @DavidsonGifted) #gifted #gtchat <http://bit.ly/aU92pW>