



## Transcript from May 21, 2010 to May 21, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

### May 21, 2010

- 12:14 am **DavidsonGifted:** RT @DeborahMersino: LAST CALL: Tight race for our 05.21 #gtchat - Have you voted? <http://twtpoll.com/eqgooh> #gifted
- 12:15 am **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: LAST CALL: Tight race for our 05.21 #gtchat - Have you voted? <http://twtpoll.com/eqgooh> #gifted
- 12:21 am **Jeff\_shoemaker:** RT @DavidsonGifted: RT @DeborahMersino: LAST CALL: Tight race for our 05.21 #gtchat - Have you voted? <http://twtpoll.com/eqgooh> #gifted
- 1:07 am **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino I have a suggestion if there is a tie!!!! #gtchat
- 1:22 am **DeborahMersino:** The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 05.21 Join us! #gifted
- 1:23 am **DeborahMersino:** The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic. Join us tomorrow, 05.21! #gifted
- 1:24 am **DeborahMersino:** TY to everyone who voted for #gtchat this week. We'll definitely revisit some of the runner-up topics in next week's Twtpoll! #gifted
- 1:25 am **gattonacademy:** RT @DeborahMersino: The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic. Join us tomorrow, 05.21! #gifted
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- 1:40 am **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino <=== <3 "We'll definitely revisit some of the runner-up topics in next week's Twtpoll!" #gtchat
- 1:43 am **Ijconrad:** Help!!! Just agreed to be pres of gifted parents' online community. What was I thinking??? <<rolls eyes>> #gtchat
- 2:55 am **prufrockpress:** RT @DeborahMersino: The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic. Join us tomorrow, 05.21! #gifted
- 4:16 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: #gtchat is at 2.00am and 9.00am Saturday for East coast time Aussies
- 6:35 am **armadillosoft:** RT @DeborahMersino: The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic. Join us tomorrow, 05.21! #gifted
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- 2:33 pm **mygiftedgirl:** The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? will be noon/EST #gtchat topic. Join us soon on twitter! #gifted <http://bit.ly/citMgA>
- 2:44 pm **mygiftedguy:** RT @mygiftedgirl: The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? will be noon/EST #gtchat topic. Join us soon on twitter! #gifted <http://bit.ly/citMgA>
- 3:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to our noon/EST #gtchat. Topic: The Birth of a GT School: Making It Happen/How? Join us! #gifted
- 3:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** If you are part of a private #gifted school &/or work as an educator in a public gifted magnet school, join #gtchat discussion at noon/EST!
- 3:44 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: 15 minutes to noon/EST #gtchat. Topic: The Birth of a GT School: Making It Happen/How? Join us! #gifted
- 3:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix Hope you'll join us for one of today's #gtchat sessions. I'm excited about your new blog and the inspiration it ignited.
- 3:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. I apologize in advance for the heavy stream. Feel free to unfollow for a bit.
- 3:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to our noon/EST #gtchat! Today's topic: The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? #gifted
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, educator, student, counselor, advocate) & where you reside. #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist from upstate New York w/ a new member added to my family w/ birth of granddaughter Celia this week! #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources a #gifted information service in Melbourne Australia joining #gtchat 2.00am Saturday here
- 4:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** I'm Jen in CO, mom & advocate to 2 GT sons, one 2e. On board of dir. for charter school. #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mother to two girls (8 & 9 who just finished their school year yesterday). I'm in sunny CO.
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I also consult with GT communities throughout the world and assist with marketing communications strategies and thought leadership. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Congratulations!! How exciting for you. Welcome to the world Celia! #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **cybraryman1:** Hi! I am a Twitterbrarian, parent, grandparent, educator, writer now from Florida (NY, MA, PA, MD) #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **rdkleindy:** I am Rebecca- parent at an all gifted elementary in a large urban school district in Indianapolis Indiana #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DazzIld:** I'm Karen from Dublin, Ireland here. Mother to three gifted kids, advocate for all gifted kids. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Once again you get extra credit for being up at 2:00 a.m. on a Saturday in Australia. So glad you're here! #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm truly excited to delve into today's topic. I've been assisting in the launch of a

- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm also excited to learn that my dds' school may be earmarked to become a gifted magnet. Lots to discuss! #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino I want to ensure our charter school has a strong GT program. #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @rdkleindy - Welcome! You're perspective will be so helpful today. #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik from Las Vegas. I am a Family Consultant (resource & advocate) for #gifted kids through Davidson Institute's Young Scholars #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **LesLinks:** Hello from Ireland, parent, ed consult, lecturer... just back from Wallace and sleepy... #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **cybraryman1:** Ideas won't keep; something must be done about them. Start with a mission statement #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** You can start a gifted school! We did!! via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/aYmWP4> #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @cybraryman1: Ideas wont keep; something must be done about them. Start with a mission statement #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **rdkleindy:** I should mention that our school is public #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** A listing of gifted schools (public & private) throughout the world via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/aDK3md> #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Teacher Preparation and Program/Services Standards | Resource via @NAGCGIFTED <http://bit.ly/cLFEGe> #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos yes how true #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino I want to ensure our charter school has a strong GT program. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Good to see everyone! #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **LesLinks:** Sometimes all you need to start is a cardboard box full of collected resources and some good ideas #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - I agree wholeheartedly. It takes devotion to turn a vision into reality. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: A listing of gifted schools (public & private) throughout the world via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/aDK3md> #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** Hello from England where the concept of a G&T school is complicated by the Government's attitude to selective education #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** I thought we could discuss some critical issues: Mission/Identity, Target, Money, Location, Size, Commitment, Funding, Alliances #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Glad you're here! #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** There are dozens upon dozens of gifted schools (both private & public) throughout the US. Knowing your mission is critical. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @LesLinks Even a cardboard box can be great for GT kids! LOL #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** There are some 150 selective state secondaries (grammar schools). The new Government won't close any, or open any new ones either #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** The first link I posted discusses how you can decide to focus on profoundly gifted, 2E, gifted, science/math, etc. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **LesLinks:** @GaryBrannigan I have found this to be true... #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** What my research has shown is that many #gifted schools have been born out of parent advocacy/tenacity. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** ...But they do want to allow parents to set up free schools on the Swedish/charter model - could specialise in G&T if non-selective #gtchat

- 4:12 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino And parent frustration. #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **LesLinks:** Important to decide on a statement of how a school like this could be of benefit to community/society.. helps w/seeking funds #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** First question: What do you think is the most challenging aspect of launching a new gifted school (magnet, charter or private)? #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino hence the cardboard box method.... #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **cybraryman1:** You have to start small,. Rome was not built in a day! #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** I would say funding is the number one area of concern. Garnering support for "gifted" need is second (given the critics). #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **rdkleindy:** Our model is only 2 years in. with class size limited to 25 #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **rdkleindy:** district IDs starting in 1st grade- and school will ultimately be grades 2-8 #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **cybraryman1:** @GaryBrannigan You have to think out of the box after figuring out what is in the box and how it can be used! #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - How was your school founded? What steps were taken? What obstacles have you faced thus far? #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino I think (charter) the challenge is convincing the district #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: I would say funding is the number one area of concern. Garnering support for "gifted" need is secon #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino I agree.Need very clear def. of who your school will serve first (&eligibility crit).All else will flow from that. #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **rdkleindy:** Teachers must participate in intense prof dev and obtain GT endorsement from state (which we have) #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @cybraryman1 YOU"RE GOOD! #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DazzlId:** @GiftedPhoenix How will they select pupils for G&T if they're not selective?? #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **LesLinks:** Seek Philanthop in areas that would seek skills sets found in gifted. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** While you're all sharing/thinking, I'm going to start posting tips I've learned through my journey/others. Feel free to chime in! #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **jofrei:** In Aus we have many schools with gifted programs but very very few schools solely for gifted #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @rdkleindy: Teachers must participate in intense prof dev and obtain GT endorsement from state. PD must be done regularly too! #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** In UK this is new: debate about parents' role compared to professionals - are parents interested after their own children leave #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino I would say funding is the #1 challenge to successfully starting any GT school. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #1: Have a clearly defined mission/target audience. Know how you will identify and market to that population. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 As my son says, "There's a box?" #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **LesLinks:** RT @LesLinks: Important to decide on a statement how school could be of benefit to community/society. helps w/seeking funds #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Joe Renzulli wrote a ch. 4 one of my books (The Enlightened Educator) stressing the nature & importance of the evaluation component #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #2: Be prepared to operate like a business. All the aspects of entrepreneurship are required. Operating expenses, etc. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DazzlId : well all this is theoretical but it would have to be a comprehensive

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**GiftedPhoenix:** @Dazzliu . well all this is theoretical but it would have to be a comprehensive school with a special focus on its G&T pupils #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Tip #3: Gamer support from a group of interested/impassioned parents from the get-go. This will help see u through the hard spots. #gtchat

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**jofrei:** @DavidsonGifted Would love to have a Davidson here! #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tip #2: Be prepared to operate like a business. All the aspects of entrepreneurship are required. Operating expe #gtchat

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**DazzliD:** In Ireland the Education Act does not permit schools to offer places based on ability #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Tip #4: Be creative in finding potential space. Many successful programs have started in church basements & strip malls. #gtchat

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**rdkleindy:** Manage expectations of parents with education- and make sure that school adapts to data i.e. student population needs #gtchat

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**DazzliD:** @GiftedPhoenix Okay, maybe we could adapt that in Ireland. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Tip #5: Curriculum development is vital & expert input is required. Give plenty of lead time to nail pacing, differentiation, focus #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino I would say funding is the #1 challenge to successfully starting any GT school. #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** Start small, work logically, get the beginnings right, before moving/building onwards #gtchat

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**cybraryman1:** It is wise to have at least one person handle academics & another to handle business aspects #gtchat

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**DavidsonGifted:** @jofrei We are still pretty new and refining our processes. Hopefully we will be in a position to export our model one day soon! #gtchat

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**GaryBrannigan:** Evaluation should be closely tied to the objectives in mission plan and how the plan will be put into practice. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Tip #5 Understand/master identification. Experts exist & its critical not only 2 gamer the right students for mission but 2 succeed #gtchat

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**laughingatchaos:** RT @cybraryman1: It is wise to have at least one person handle academics & another to handle business aspects #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Great point. #gtchat

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**pamfr:** #gtchat Strikes me that a key challenge of opening a gifted school is divergent interests/learning styles. (Parent, gt sons 7&4, SiliconVly)

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**DeborahMersino:** Tip #5: Create alliances. Build an Advisory Board that's committed & impassioned about your mission (SO VITAL!). #gtchat

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**DavidsonGifted:** @rdkleindy Good point. At Davidson Academy, student interest drives course offerings and parents are very involved w/planning. #gtchat

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**rdkleindy:** Wlth respect to mission- include social emotional benefits in addition to academics- #gtchat

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**GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - This body <http://bit.ly/8Zi8WV> is leading UK creation of free schools. Don't know if any of the Eols have a G&T flavour

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**DeborahMersino:** @PamFR - You're absolutely right. It's essential for the school to know its target, how it will serve & be all things to all people. #gtchat

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- 4:23 pm **kbphotos:** Jumping in late, looks like a fantastic topic! #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **rdkleindy:** Many considering joining all GT school still think "GT child will be fine in any setting" Need to provide a distinct approach #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #6: Be able to articulate clearly/concisely the differentiators compared to competition. #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @rdkleindy: With respect to mission- include social emotional benefits in addition to academics- #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **pamfr:** #gtchat Many families in SF Bay Area looking4 gt school 2-3 days/wk "hybrid homeschooling" - gives time to explore distinct interests
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @rdkleindy - You're so right! #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @kbphotos - Glad you're joining us! #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **LesLinks:** Prepare to meet a diverse set of 'needs' and or behaviours #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **laughingatchaos:** @pamfr I love the idea of hybrid homeschooling. Wish more schools were open to that. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **rdkleindy:** @pamfr Sounds like a great concept- other homeschooler are pursuing similar hybrids why not GT focus? #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **kbphotos:** A co-worker and I were just talking about this a couple of weeks ago. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **LesLinks:** @pamfr hybred homeschooling.... I so like it!!! #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - are there issues in US about the impact of a new school in terms of surplus places - a real problem when money is scarce?
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #6: Be realistic about lead time. The business aspects (including marketing, location, curriculum, admissions) takes time/money. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @LesLinks: @pamfr hybred homeschooling.... I so like it!!! #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **rdkleindy:** challenge in public school to comply with state and district mandates- and still find time for all we want to do- seeking waivers #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DazzlId:** @LesLinks Now that might work in our neck of the woods? #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Say more. I don't know if I understand your question. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **kbphotos:** My sister's child attends a school geared towards gt students. Going on I believe 5 years and expanding. #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DavidsonGifted:** A key component to any successful GT school is small class sizes, which allows for individualization. This is expensive, though. #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat to what extent do our homeschoolers rely on virtual schools for G&T? I guess it's better to customise than to take off the shelf?
- 4:27 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @LesLinks: Prepare to meet a diverse set of 'needs' and or behaviours #gtchat Yes prepare for all contingencies & have support services
- 4:27 pm **jofrei:** Creating connections to university and mentors very helpful #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **kbphotos:** hybrid homeschooling - would love to learn more about that #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @jofrei: Creating connections to university and mentors very helpful #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #7: (@rdkleindy -Good point) Knowing whether you want to be charter vs. private is key. More bureaucracy with charter alliances. #gtchat
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- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: Creating connections to university and mentors very helpful #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @jofrei Also look for mentors within the community #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino I think he means too many schools in a small area trying to

get the same students? Running into that here #gtchat

- 4:29 pm **LesLinks:** @jofrei Now your talking.. I ran explorers clubs years ago and enlisted these as speakers... very successful #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Or businesses/R&D companies for collaborations #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Many #gifted schools incorporate virtual offerings (EPGY, CTY) in their curriculum to support needs. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino - argument that unless 100% demand is there, a new school will result in expensive empty places in the school system #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DavidsonGifted:** If your school will include high school, consider affiliating with a university. The resources/courses will allow students to excel #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **LesLinks:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino I think he means too many schools in a small area trying to get the same students? Not here!! #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - Excellent point. Funding alliances with R&D, scientific/tech companies can prove to be perfect matches. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: If your school will include high school, consider affiliating with a university. The resources/courses will allow students to excel #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **kbphotos:** Important to talk to those who have started a school successfully as not to totally reinvent the wheel. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @jofrei: Creating connections to university and mentors very helpful & local business & civic organizations #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I'm interested in the schools you have based on university campuses with dual enrollment or similar. Wish we could import that idea.
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - So many #gifted needs go unmet, it's sad to hear that... #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **LesLinks:** @GaryBrannigan those too, one would be surprised at what is fascinating. Had a beekeeper, and also a textile weaver artist.. popula #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino - Yes I know - but interested in whether homeschoolers typically use several providers or just one #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #7 - (re 2 @DavidsonGifted 's point): Addressing socio-emotional curriculum/needs is vital differentiator. Must be programmed. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **LesLinks:** @GiftedPhoenix Ya so do I... would be excellent. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **rdkleindy:** Being in an urban school district we have to carefully avoid being seen as elite- rather as a way to meet distinct needs kids 1st #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **kbphotos:** @GaryBrannigan @jofrei - excellent point abt making connections to university and mentors #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GiftedPhoenix If you haven't seen it yet, check out www.davidsonacademy.unr.edu. A University School for Profoundly Gifted students #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **cybraryman1:** Great idea to connect to universities & research facilities. My son did research in a science institute. A+ Learning experience. #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - In my experience, most use one, but sometimes two. What do others think? #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @rdkleindy - You hit the nail on the head. The dreaded "elitist" label. A challenge that must be overcome with the right messaging. #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: Great idea to connect to universities & research facilities. My son did research in a science institute. A+ Learning experience. #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @GiftedPhoenix If you haven't seen it yet, check out www.davidsonacademy.unr.edu. A University School for Profoundly Gifted students #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **LesLinks:** RT @LesLinks: Start small. work logically. get the beginnings right. before

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- 4:34 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - Strong emphasis on inter-school collaboration here: economies of scale, pooling expertise and so on - a network of G&T schools?
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #8 - Anyone willing to take on the challenge must be prepared 2 sacrifice (time, money, patience, exhaustion). Well worth it tho #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Interesting concept! #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **LesLinks:** @rdkleindy This would be an issue here too, I would think... #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @rdkleindy It is all about how you frame your justification for a GT school. Focus on departure from the mean (in either direction). #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #9 - Going private offers much more autonomy (less restrictions), but also a bigger focus on funding. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @rdkleindy It is all about how you frame your justification for a GT school. Focus on departure from the mean (in either direction). #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **jofrei:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @GiftedPhoenix If you haven't seen it yet, check out www.davidsonacademy.unr.edu. A University School for Profoundly Gifted students #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @cybraryman1 So True. Without the University of Nevada's complete support, the Davidson Academy would not be what it is today. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - any schools that successfully combine physical provision with online distance learning? Advantages of day school v residential?
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #10: Think skin required. Support from parents, experts required. Verve/passion for GT kids required. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - How did Davidson Institute get its start? #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - Arguably, a G&T school linked to a university education faculty ought to be a great partnership for both!
- 4:38 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat - Strong emphasis on inter-school collaboration: economies of scale, pooling expertise-a network of G&T schools?
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Feynman School in MD will likely incorporate some online learning components at its facility. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat - Arguably, a G&T school linked to a university education faculty ought to be a great partnership for both!
- 4:39 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat bigger delay than normal on tweets this evening - apologies if I'm out of sync!
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix @DavidsonGifted - Not to mention the inherent credibility offered via that type of alliance. Well said. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #11: Many founders try 2take on all hats, when expert advice/input is necessary for success. Legalities/marketing/state mandates #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedPhoenix Charter schools work together; I'd love to see GT schools do the same. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - You're not alone. I'm experiencing similar delay! #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **rdkleindy:** @DavidsonGifted Agreed- many people need more info to understand rationale #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Hi all, I'm in and out with school party. Cant wait to see transcripts. #gtchat Wish we could have a gifted charter here.
- 4:41 pm **graingered:** In ed era of desegregation-move fr/congregatd 2 inclusiv prog. re/low end of sp ed spectrum, why is #gifted going opposit direction? #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #12: Be prepared to be criticized by naysayers who don't "get" gifted education and/or needs. #gtchat



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- 4:42 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Frame your pop. as "far from the mean" (just like the other end of spectrum) and thrfr in need of services to avoid elitist label. #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **jofrei:** Our youngest sons idea of ideal school when he was 9 was room of computers where you could create own program of online conferences #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @graingered - Inclusion in the norm here, yet many #gifted student needs continue to go unmet. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **christinef:** sorry I'm late the the party... #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Frame your pop. as "far from the mean" (just like the other end of spectrum) and thrfr in need of services to avoid elitist label. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Love it. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **rdkleindy:** challenge to break out of norms- when std. tests is what public cares about .we might blow out test- but still not meet our goals #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **christinef:** RT @cybraryman1: Great idea to connect to universities & research facilities. My son did research in a science institute. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #13: Gamer expert support in identification processes. So many options. Must align with school's mission. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @rdkleindy: challenge to break out of norms- when std. tests is what public cares about .we might blow out test- but still not meet our goals #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** @rdkleindy - Couldn't agree more. #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **LesLinks:** @GiftedPhoenix Very good idea.... IB program.. is worldwide network, bases itself in schools. could GT be based in university?? #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **cybraryman1:** @jofrei I was criticized by a college professor in 1967 when predicted teaching machines in classrooms in the future #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Good tip #13. We have test score crit. but also incorporate interviews and all-day "authentic assessment" process. #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** Ireland folks, what and how do you think #gifted schools/programming might best be launched given current ed environment there? #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **graingered:** @DeborahMersino Perhaps focus should B meeting needs in an inclusive ed enviro then. Segregation carries far 2many neg connotations #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino Good tip #13. We have test score crit. but also incorporate interviews and all-day "authentic assessment" process. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - new Government here committed to making reporting of school outcomes ("league tables") representative of progress by all abilities
- 4:47 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino It offers more user control though as well... #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - So crucial because often ppl use ID methods to criticize authenticity of program/school. Essential. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #14: Leadership essential. Dynamic individual needs to lead the charge, be able to overcome obstacles/critics. #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: @GiftedPhoenix - Youre not alone. Im experiencing similar delay! Here too.. frustrating... #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **christinef:** @DeborahMersino So true! and so hard to find in my experience #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - would love to try out the Irish virtual environment that @Giftedkidsie is working on - a virtual G&T school!
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #15: Being able to address differentiation powerfully is one of the most potent advantages of a gifted school (private/public). #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **LesLinks:** @graingered cause not being catered for as well as low end for too long in present system. Wish it weren't so... #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **LesLinks:** @jofrei good ideal idea!!! #gtchat

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- 4:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #16: Know/understand/tap/cite research. Absolutely necessary in garnering funding, parental & community support. #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **graingered:** I taught segregatd schls4 sev. emotion/behavior/ kids (sum #gifted)4 14 yrs My Dist. now workin on inclusiv strats 4 these kids(1/2) #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've got just a few minutes left. Sorry for the inundation of tips. I hope they prove helpful! Final thoughts? #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **graingered:** ...and they R showing early positv results. If inclusion wrks 4 these kids, it will/can work 4 #gifted kids #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **cybraryman1:** Think positive! It can be done. It took 1 woman with a vision & 3 others (including moi) to start a successful town charter movement #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - would argue that student voice/influence over what is taught/how school is run is essential for G&T learners.
- 4:53 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino Your tips were great! #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** @graingered Ppl on this chat are not opposed to inclusion (they appreciate it); they've simply experienced downside/unmet needs. #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Tip 16 so critical if looking for public funding/support. The research is there, need to make it part of ur argument #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **jofrei:** The main difficulty for people trying to build gifted schools here has been complying with all the red tape re opening any school #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **graingered:** @chrstinef I like def/inclusion "least restrictiv, most supportiv" I think if we focus on that, we can do amazing things in pub. ed. #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **theboysstore:** Wow - almost ten already - I missed #gtchat again - dang it. Will have to read and caught up later :-)
- 4:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Thank you! I actually might want to tap you as an expert for a school I'm supporting w/regard to ID instruments. #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Will DM you regarding this. I respect your knowledge in this area. #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **graingered:** @LesLinks Not the case in my system. Programming is extensiv from K -HS, incl IB and AP. Hope is defined through action- make it so #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **jofrei:** @chrstinef I second that - excellent tips for starting gt school #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore - Days fly by, don't they? I will have transcripts up shortly after the chat. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Many thanks...it takes an immense amount of commitment from leaders to make it happen! :-) #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Where there is a will there is a way!Contact state gifted assoc. 4 support and local advice. info@davidsongifted.org if we can help. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #17: Keep the needs of these children at the forefront of one's mind! Being able to serve them powerfully is great motivator! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Thanks as always for your exceptional job moderating these creative chats. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Where there is a will there is a way!Contact state gifted assoc. 4 support and local advice. info@davidsongifted.org if we can help. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - I second that motion. Excellent support available via state associations and of course the Davidson Institute! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat GP signing off now - Tweets are delayed around 6 mins!
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Well that's it for today's noon/EST #gtchat. TY all for being a part of this discussion. I hope it proves inspiring. We need leaders like u!
- 5:00 pm **DazzlId:** @graingered Legal obstacles in place in Ireland to providing for either end of

- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - So sorry you experienced technical difficulties. We so appreciate your presence! TY for being here. #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Thanks again Deborah. See you at 7pm Eastern. #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **LesLinks:** @graingered So right, we are a long, way from there in this system.. one IB secondary program in the whole country. only last 2years #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript will be up shortly. Thank you again everyone! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **GaryBrannigan:** May also want to include how GT school could enrich programs of surrounding schools #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **LesLinks:** Goodby everyone... very interesting topic. thanks Deborah... #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @chrstinef: @DeborahMersino Your tips were great! #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **jofrei:** Thanks again. Good night/afternoon all - i will try to wake in time for next #gtchat session
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GaryBrannigan: May also want to include how GT school could enrich programs of surrounding schools #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Again, your devotion inspires me! :- ) #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from 05.21 noon/EST #gtchat : The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? <http://bit.ly/9wG3pf> #gifted
- 5:05 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 05.21 noon/EST #gtchat : The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? <http://bit.ly/9wG3pf> #gifted
- 5:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Remember, The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 05.21 Join us! #gifted
- 5:19 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: Remember, The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic Join us!
- 5:20 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino please do! #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **LesLinks:** RT @cybraryman1: RT @DeborahMersino: Remember, The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic Join us!
- 5:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore - I've been remiss in getting the transcripts posted to my site these past few weeks. Hope to rectify shortly! #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino Transcript from 05.21 noon/EST #gtchat GT School: Making it Happen/How? <http://bit.ly/9wG3pf> #gifted Sorry I missed it!
- 5:47 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma, 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic, 05.21 Join us! #gifted
- 6:13 pm **HoagiesGifted:** Ingenious The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow 05.21 Join us!... <http://bit.ly/aTh5lk>
- 6:25 pm **Begabung:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 05.21 noon/EST #gtchat : The Birth of a GT School: Making it Happen/How? <http://bit.ly/9wG3pf> #gifted
- 6:26 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: Remember, The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 05.21 Join us! #gifted
- 6:31 pm **Begabung:** RT @DeborahMersino: Remember, The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 05.21 Join us! #gifted
- 6:39 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @DeborahMersino, fabulous tips from #gtchat this morning -- I'd love to RT from transcript but tips 8-14 are missing?
- 8:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @HoagiesGifted: Ingenious The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow 05.21 Join us!... <http://bit.ly/aTh5lk>
- 9:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrnsFnd - I'll create a PDF (a few ppl requested) and post soon. TY for letting me know. Not sure what's up with wthashtag. #gtchat
- 10:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than 30 minutes to #gtchat. Our topic: The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST Join us! #gifted

- 10:34 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than 30 minutes to #gtchat. Our topic: The ? Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST Join us! #gifted
- 10:48 pm **ljconrad:** ljconrad @DeborahMersino my heart be still!!! It's almost time. #gtchat
- 10:50 pm **soundsuccess:** #gtchat ... sorry I can't join you, working with #gifted VSL kids this morning. Enjoy your chat!
- 10:51 pm **ljconrad:** water - check, bathroom break - check, dinner - check, time zone map up - check ... ready for #gtchat !!!
- 10:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @soundsuccess - We'll miss you, but good for you for supporting VSL students! Transcript will post shortly after #gtchat :-)
- 10:52 pm **ljconrad:** @soundsuccess :-( #gtchat
- 10:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - You're the best! #gtchat
- 10:53 pm **FrazzIld:** Less than 10 minutes to #gtchat. Our topic: The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma Join us! #gifted #gtchat
- 10:54 pm **prufrockpress:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than 10 minutes to #gtchat. Our topic: The ? Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma will be our 7 pm/EST! #gifted
- 10:55 pm **soundsuccess:** @DeborahMersino Looking forward to the trasncript of #gtchat first student arriving as you start
- 10:55 pm **soundsuccess:** @ljconrad With thanks! #gtchat
- 10:55 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @ljconrad: ljconrad @DeborahMersino my heart be still!!! It's almost time. #gtchat
- 10:56 pm **FrazzIld:** @ljconrad PJ's on, teeth brushed, in bed! Ready to go too! #gtchat
- 10:56 pm **ljconrad:** <==== misses ==>@soundsuccess #gtchat
- 10:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - I love our global connection! ;-) #gtchat
- 10:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Pardon the heavy stream. Feel free to unfollow. #gifted
- 10:58 pm **ljconrad:** @FrazzIld hmhhh .... I'll try that next week ... we can bond across the pond! :- ) #gtchat
- 10:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat ! Our topic: The "Gifted Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma. #gifted
- 10:59 pm **LesLinks:** RT @FrazzIld: Less than 10 minutes to #gtchat. Our topic: The ?Gifted? Label Debate: Marketing Dilemma Join us! #gifted #gtchat
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourselves, your role (parent, educator, student, psychologist) & where you reside. #gtchat
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mother to two girls (8,9), marketing communications consultant to GT communities. I'm in Colorado
- 11:00 pm **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from the #gifted information service Gifted Resources in Melbourne Australia joining #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **JustInTimeED:** Hello from Des Moines, Iowa...This is Frank #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** While you're introducing yourselves, I'm going to post some excellent links for later viewing on the subject of labeling. #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DazzIld:** Karen here in Dublin, Ireland, evening to everyone. #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** From About.com...actually offers history of "gifted" definitions. <http://bit.ly/b18N7u> #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik from Vegas here. Family Consultant with the nonprofit Davidson Institute for Talent Development: [www.davidsongifted.org](http://www.davidsongifted.org). #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **ljconrad:** <--- newly crowned pres of local parents' online gifted grp! (2nd term), mom 2 gifted, paraeducator, Pgh, PA #gtchat

- 11:02 pm **FrazzIld:** Hi folks. Catherine, parent of 2 teens and gifted ed advocate in Ireland. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **prufrockpress:** Hi everyone, I'm Joel McIntosh, the publisher at Prufrock Press  
<http://bit.ly/106GMP> #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical and School Psychologist from upstate New York #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** From our friends at @giftedkidsie: The "Gifted" Label - Help or Hindrance?  
<http://bit.ly/96vCpr> #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Via @NAGCGIFTED re "gifted" label, controversy, need | <http://bit.ly/byLRy6>  
#gtchat
- 11:03 pm **cybraryman1:** Sticks & stones will break your bones but names will never hurt you. #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **LesLinks:** Hi Les in Ireland, driven demented mom of two teens, ed consultant and lecturer in gifted, advocate... and here... #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** From the Gifted Exchange Blog: Does the "Gifted" label matter?  
<http://bit.ly/csWfp1> #gtchat #gifted
- 11:04 pm **Ijconrad:** @cybraryman1 but they sure can define you! #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** The #Gifted Label - Burden or Blessing by Delisle/Galbraith <http://bit.ly/bTheJ1>  
#gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** What an impressive group we have tonight! Glad you're all here! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino You are uber-prepared tonight! We are so fortunate! #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: If we could start all over (Galton, Terman, Hollingworth), would we choose a different label/word? #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino I am getting a Forbidden message for Delisle/Galbraith  
<http://bit.ly/bTheJ1> #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** We all know that some chose high-ability, high-potential, advanced, etc. What r ur thoughts from a marketing/acceptance perspective? #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino Yes. #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **FrazzIld:** Outline from the Special Education Support Service in Ireland:  
<http://ht.ly/1OoGv> #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Thank you. I'll retry the Delisle/Galbraith link. #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **LesLinks:** Hmm... 'he (or she) is 'different', 'gifted', 'a genius', 'highly able', 'exceptionally able' high potential', Talented... hmmm #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **Ijconrad:** It is easily twisted by the naysayers. #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **JustInTimeED:** Locally we use Exceptional Learner #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **LesLinks:** @FrazzIld good one.... #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Here's the long link for Delisle/Galbraith: <http://bit.ly/9QQ7VA> (It's a PDF - don't know if it will work) #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **FrazzIld:** Term used in Ireland is Exceptionally Able, rather than Gifted #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld: Outline from the Special Education Support Service in Ireland:  
<http://ht.ly/1OoGv> #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DazzIld:** @DeborahMersino PDF link worked fine, thanks #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** I think the issue driving frustration is that it implies others are non-gifted; however, we are pretty entrenched in the term. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **LesLinks:** Wallace symposium same discussion was going on.. consensus that term Talent should be used 'instead' of 'gifted' as less problematic #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Ijconrad: It is easily twisted by the naysayers. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **Ijconrad:** I've noticed "highly abled" while researching gifted in the EU. #gtchat



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- 11:12 pm **FrazzIld:** Gifted does seem to come across as bragging I think. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks Interesting. Didn't know that -however, couldn't the same problem exist w/ the label "talent"? What does everything think? #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DavidsonGifted:** The term "gifted" can definitely be divisive. Not all gifted kids develop talents, so hesitant to use those terms interchangeably. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DazzIld:** @LesLinks But not all gifted students are talented, can be potential talent, not actualised yet? #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **Ijconrad:** Do we need more than one term? #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** Some of the other terms seem less "elitist" however the issue gets complicated/tricky relative to our different definitions too #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **FrazzIld:** Fair point! RT @DazzIld: @LesLinks But not all gifted students are talented, can be potential talent, not actualised yet? #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Marlow Schmauder, Asynchronous Scholars' Fund joining late. The #gifted label(s) can trigger a negative reaction in others. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @Ijconrad Yes, I think we need more terms. Most of the time at GTChat, I don't know exactly where others are coming from #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm asking b/c it's clear that in the US/elsewhere, we're losing the battle. I think some of it is inherent in the term #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **LesLinks:** @DazzIld Ya but gifts can be potential all well... point being the word is softer.. ie Centre for TALENTED youth not gifted... #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **jofrei:** A different label? - I don't know Here some use High Potential. But a baby cheetah is not just a potential cheetah! #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **prufrockpress:** The new trend in the US is to call the services for gifted kids "Advanced Academics" ... #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **Ijconrad:** 'elitism' is a real hangup for Americans. Ticks me off. So what? We don't call Ben Roethlisburger elite! #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Moreover, there are too many differing definitions/misunderstandings. No 1 can depict it simply. How then to get buy-in for funding? #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **prufrockpress:** My concern is that the "advanced academics" folks tend to be focused on acceleration and rigor ... #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **prufrockpress:** ... they give short shrift to depth (vs. breadth) of knowledge, creativity, and allowing kids to explore their areas of passion. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino Most alternatives to #gifted are inherently perceived as complementary to the lablee, implying others aren't so. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @prufrockpress: My concern is that the "advanced academics" folks tend to be focused on acceleration and rigor ... #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @prufrockpress: ... they give short shrift to depth (vs. breadth) of knowledge, creativity, and allowing kids to explore their areas of passion. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - I couldn't agree more. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DazzIld:** @LesLinks That's true, and talent does encompass arts, music and sport too #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **LesLinks:** @jofrei so very true... potential cheetas... ;-) #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** I honestly don't think we will see a wave of advocacy change/support until this issue is addressed. It's THAT big in my mind. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @Ijconrad: elitism is a real hangup for Americans. ....Not just Americans. Is a worldwide issue #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **LesLinks:** @DazzIld thats the idea.... softly softly.... #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Add to it the multiple definitions, Gardner, Dweck and you're asking for trouble every time you ask for funds/programming. #gtchat

- 11:18 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @prufrockpress Agreed - so from a marketing perspective, @DeborahMersino, we need something that describes the whole person #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **LesLinks:** @Frazzlld defo in Ireland.. although perhaps a little better than it was... #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Federal laws have provided terms and clearly defined the other end, would be nice to have something similir 4 brighter students too. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm not suggesting we shy away from IDing, but rather look at the big picture of how to advocate & who we're advocating for... #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino TOTALLY agree -- the marketing/label is essential to get right. "Asynchronous" captures part of it, but not all. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **GaryBrannigan:** What is the gtchat definition? #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **bfwriter:** @Frazzlld but only intellectual elitism. no one seems to discourage athleticism. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **LesLinks:** I used to use 'Highly able children with special educational needs' when fundraising... ;-) #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** I believe this requires investment from someone at a Gates Foundation-type level to mount an international marketing/ed campaign. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **rdkleindy:** today saw frustration from friend whose child has disability- struggling with labels and their baggage.. only implying somehow LESS..#gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Amen! It is Special Ed of sorts and we cannot go on with our current course. Too many naysayers/misunderstandings #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **LesLinks:** @GaryBrannigan this may be what we are working on here?? ;-) #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Whether one is working to save district funding for programming, start a GT school or discuss IDing, we must address. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @LesLinks but even "highly able" triggers the same gut response from people, because it implies they (or their kids) are NOT. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **prufrockpress:** I fear that once we give up the label, gifted kids can just be stuck in advanced classes where quantity (not quality) rules #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **ljconrad:** Ah, but there's the rub ... where to get funding from? Public or Private? #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Back to what @PrufrockPress noted, too many are now gearing toward Advanced Academics, thinking also that acceleration is answer #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **LesLinks:** @asynchschrfsnd you are on the button.. a foundation would be nice... #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** Moreover, we lose the whole social-emotional piece with the Advanced Academics route. Even "exceptional learner" connotes challenges #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @prufrockpress, the idea is not to give up the label, but to redefine it in a way that does not trigger resentment in others...#gtchat 1/2
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** QUESTION: How can we possibly garner agreement, when so many leaders in the "gifted" field disagree? Yikes! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @prufrockpress, ...but incorporates the special ed needs these kids DO have, comprehensively (i.e., not just in school settings) #gtchat 2/2
- 11:23 pm **prufrockpress:** The trouble isn't the label. It's the idea that some kids need special enriched and advanced services. It's an unpopular reality. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** To me, high-potential will garner its share fair of critics too...after all, they will say, "Everyone has potential." #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **bfwriter:** @DeborahMersino how about turbo-charged? ;) #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **ljconrad:** @prufrockpress these classes become 'watered down' #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **LesLinks:** @asynchschrfsnd ya I am aware of that.. we all try different ways.. the special needs bit helped.. and they do have those..;-) #gtchat

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- 11:23 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Are we talking about superior intelligence (as assessed by IQ tests)? #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** What if we pushed more toward the Special Education aspect of it? Is that dangerous? What do you all think? To me, it fits. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @DeborahMersino Hence the need for a professional marketing firm/specialist to undertake this. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Hello! Sorry for the late drop-in. I'm Lisa Lauffer, life coach to gifted grownups & parents of gifted kids. What's today's topic? #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DazzlId:** We spend a lot of energy trying not to upset or offend others in describing our kids/students...why? who are we serving in doing so? #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **FrazzId:** How to state exceptional ability or talent without making others feel we view them as inferior. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **jofrei:** Twitter is quite slow for me this am. #gtchat Sorry if I am out of synch!
- 11:24 pm **LesLinks:** @prufrockpress ya and it spells \$\$\$ to the powers that be... who may also fuel the 'elitist' thing to avoid \$\$\$... #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @GaryBrannigan For many of the kids in question, yes, IQ as assessed -- but some profoundly asynchronous kids do not ever test well. #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrsvnd Wouldn't that be nice? It is my branding backgrd that causes me to squirm when I think of this/see what's happening #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **FrazzId:** @DeborahMersino Is, without doubt, a special educational need #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @DazzlId time has shown that when others feel threatened by the label on these kids, they resist supporting them, and worse. #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - Welcome! Glad you joined us. We're discussing the "Gifted" label & how it serves/doesn't. #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **prufrockpress:** @DeborahMersino Ha ... corralling cats. We don't have a DSM-IV kind-of diagnosis for the gifted, but it would make things easier. #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino I am a firm believer in that they come under the same umbrella.. children who differ from the norm (cont.) #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DavidsonGifted:** It is so embedded in our culture that all things need to be "equal" no matter what. This goes way beyond an issue with just #gifted ed #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @DeborahMersino It makes many parents resist really ever talking about their asynchronous kids in public, impossible to meet needs. #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **JustInTimeED:** we only toss around labels that sound inviting. we are basically talking about children with special needs. do we need the puffery #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DazzlId:** @asynschlrsvnd But why are some threatened? Should we then start there? #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **bfwriter:** @prufrockpress but doesn't DSM-IV imply disorder rather than differently ordered? #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Ah, the gifted label. I've fought w/ myself abt it. I hate it, but how else do we express ourselves? #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino (cont.) by 2 or more deviations in any subject or way.. do have special needs... simple.. be it upper or lower end #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @asynschlrsvnd I was not sure that divergent thinkers were included. That's why I asked about how narrowly/broadly we go #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DavidsonGifted: "Equality" so embedded in our culture. This goes way beyond an issue with just #gifted ed #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **prufrockpress:** @DeborahMersino "easier" in the sense that we would have a single definition, but this field is too broad and diverse for that. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - I agree that its unpopular regardless. However I disagree in that I think the term "gifted" causes harm 2 advocacy. #gtchat

- 11:28 pm **asynschlrshnd**: @prufrockpress @DeborahMersino, I think the answer lies in a multilevel approach to IDing kids, like GDC does plus creativity. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **deepwaterscoach**: Any other term we choose will be, in my opinion, just as flammatory b/c of what it represents--some kids are smarter than others... #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **jofrei**: One problem with term gifted is that itsuggests an IQ privledge silver spoon in the mouth so all is easy and no help is needed #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **prufrockpress**: @bfwriter Yes. I was just saying that the DSM-IV creates an agreed upon definition ... wasn't making a larger point. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **asynschlrshnd**: @JustInTimeED I agree... These kids are asynchronous and have special learning needs. They're not left-end asynchronous, but right. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **LesLinks**: @asynschlrshnd I agree, however needs not to have 'to many levels' or get's to complicated... #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **ljconrad**: I work at the other end of the spectrum and have often observed that the differences are often fewer than people realize. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **asynschlrshnd**: @DavidsonGifted Meeting needs is what should be equal, even if that needs to happen for some outside traditional approaches. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino**: @prufrockpress - Agreed. Isn't that part of the problem. We need not scale back diverse needs/offerings - rather have focus/clarity #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @ljconrad: I work at the other end of the spectrum and have often observed that the differences are often fewer than people realize. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **chrstinef**: @DeborahMersino I think we absolutely need focus and clarity! #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **FrazzIld**: RT @jofrei: One problem with term gifted is that itsuggests an IQ privledge silver spoon in the mouth so all is easy and no help is needed #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **asynschlrshnd**: @DazzIld B/C sadly enough people feel insecure enough to feel "judged" by someone else, esp kids, being ID'ed as having higher IQ #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino**: Who do we think we're fooling though? Programs being slashed right/left, less support than ever...more backlash. Must change. #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **LesLinks**: @asynschlrshnd right behind you on that one all the way.. #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino**: The intellectuals who came up w/different definitions/areas of focus/ID methods/etc. may argue, but we can't please them either. #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **prufrockpress**: @jofrei Yes. Good point ... that kind of misconception is common. <http://bit.ly/alwrZ> #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DavidsonGifted**: @AsynchSchlrshnd Agreed. Equal should mean equally appropriate for all learners, not just the majority. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **deepwaterscoach**: RT @DavidsonGifted: @AsynchSchlrshnd Agreed. Equal should mean equally appropriate for all learners, not just the majority. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino**: In the end, we're losing the battle. Something radical must change & I think it starts w/looking at how we market gifted ed to others #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **chrstinef**: @DeborahMersino Don't you think those cuts originate from the mythology...that GT kids don't require the interventions? #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **asynschlrshnd**: @DeepWatersCoach Which is why we need a brilliant marketer to help us identify the best term to minimize the knee-jerk reaction. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **bfwriter**: sorry kids, gotta run and meet someone. catch y'all later. #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino**: Ultimately, we need to be able to sway school board members, Congress, classroom teachers, funders... #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **chrstinef**: @DavidsonGifted GREAT point! #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DazzIld**: @asynschlrshnd So that's where we start then, inform about giftedness and special needs and word we use won't matter #gtchat

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- 11:33 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: were losing the battle. something radical must change- starts w/looking at how we market gifted ed to others #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Absolutely...which in part stems from misunderstandings, lack of clarity, the term itself, etc. #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **prufrockpress:** @DeborahMersino It's hard to sort out the cuts ... we're not seeing a drop in gifted education teaching materials and book sales ... #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @LesLinks My concern with levels is what you mention. Some are 6 ST's different from the norm, and their needs are vastly different. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **bfwriter:** @DeborahMersino personally, I think we lead the charge to reform \*all\* education to serve everyone better. then we're allies #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **innervation:** @DeborahMersino I've always been fond of the statement "The needs of gifted students come their strengths, not their weaknesses. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **prufrockpress:** @DeborahMersino I think the funding shifts are different from one state to another. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrshnd But any word, if it means the same thing, is going to create that knee-jerk reaction. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeborahMersino I think if people didn't think "hey, these kids are smart, they'll figure it out" funding wouldn't be cut. #gtchat 1/2...
- 11:34 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @asynschlrshnd But any word, if it means the same thing, is going to create that knee-jerk reaction. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** I highly doubt we'll garner consensus among Renzulli, Dweck, NAGC, Gardner, etc. But we have to start w/everyday advocacy/funding. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrshnd If we can garner enough attention to help ppl change their misconceptions, then great! But do they care? #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino @prufrockpress I think the NEED for info/materials is there, therefore many still purchase...#gtchat
- 11:35 pm **FrazzIId:** Try zero funding, folks! #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeborahMersino ...If the public knew broadly that these kids have seriously different special needs, funding wouldn't be cut. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **prufrockpress:** @asynschlrshnd Agreed. That is a huge part of the problem. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @PrufrockPress - Take a look at the news everyday. It's a slaughterhouse. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **Ijconrad:** @prufrockpress Agreed! My state is cutting everything; including special ed. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **chrstinef:** @DeepWatersCoach "caring" is always at the heart of issues...must get people to care about it...#gtchat
- 11:36 pm **gifts2love:** #gtchat - showing up a little late, but want to share a gifted specialist I talked to who said terming it special needs is what will work.
- 11:36 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeepWatersCoach If I tell people my kids are profoundly asynchronous, that has a hugely different reaction than profoundly gifted. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @asynschlrshnd How would you define their special needs to the public? #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - I agree with @chrstinef - Great need for info/books/resources now. Cuts are more profound than many realize. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **FrazzIId:** RT @asynschlrshnd: If the public knew broadly that these kids have seriously different special needs, funding wouldnt be cut. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **LesLinks:** @asynschlrshnd This is my experience, soperhaps we need to look at a pyramid thing umbrella a label with five labels under (cont.) #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @chrstinef: @DeepWatersCoach "caring" is always at the heart of issues. must get people to care about it #gtchat



- 11:37 pm **chrstinef:** @ljconrad The advantage with SPED is there is stronger advocacy in most cases #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **gifts2love:** #gtchat - if you do that thought, it's to show that gifted doesn't mean "easy," it means intervention is necessary.
- 11:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @gifts2love - Glad you joined us! #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @chrstinef: @ljconrad The advantage with SPED is there is stronger advocacy in most cases #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **LesLinks:** @asynchschrslrwnd So true!!! I use that too... and reaction is soooo different.. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **asynchschrslrwnd:** @DeepWatersCoach We have enough problems in this world. These are our future leaders, out-of-box/nonlinear thinkers, innovators #gtchat 1/2
- 11:37 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynchschrslrwnd I agree; asynchronous is a great word. But if ppl begin 2 realize u mean "gifted," it will have the same effect. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** Myths, misconceptions (including elitism) are at the heart of problematic advocacy. Name/approach matters. Must change. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **asynchschrslrwnd:** @DeepWatersCoach ...but only if we meet needs so they grow up to realize their maximum potential, not languish, not be dysfunctional #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @gifts2love Wouldn't terming it "special needs" be tremendously confusing with what is traditionally thought of as "special needs?" #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **gifts2love:** #gtchat - and I say it all the time, but I think many parents of gifteds hide it b/c they think it makes them "braggers."
- 11:38 pm **ljconrad:** @chrstinef perhaps; but certainly not from parents! #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **GaryBrannigan:** An advocacy group for gt is going to have a tough time against all the other advocacy groups. #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **60secondparent:** Interesting article "geography determines giftedness?" <http://to.ly/4r7l> #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Those "in the know" and/or "in the biz" get it. My challenge to us all is realizing how the majority of everyone else doesn't! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **LesLinks:** @asynchschrslrwnd once we have those levels catered for than it could expand.. #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **chrstinef:** @ljconrad True enough...#gtchat
- 11:39 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynchschrslrwnd I absolutely agree! I'm on your team, believe me! I want to see these kids--and gifted/asynchronous adults thrive! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **asynchschrslrwnd:** @GaryBrannigan Kids like these need to be able to delve in really deep for looong stretches, be kids but access high-level content. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Exactly - but why? It shouldn't. My point. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **asynchschrslrwnd:** @DavidsonGifted I agree -- a slightly different label is needed. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **JustInTimeED:** Should we label the children or the issue? NCLB worked! how about labing the problem as "neglect" #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @gifts2love True.A cultural shift is needed. Should be celebrating the gifted, not hiding it.It is madness to not support these kids #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **LesLinks:** @DavidsonGifted do see this, but only because Sp Nds has been traditionally used for lower end.. it could be expanded to encompass GT #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @gifts2love True.A cultural shift is needed. Should be celebrating the gifted, not hiding it.It is madness to not support these kids #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **cybraryman1:** You have to find some smaller commonalities & go from there #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **chrstinef:** @AsynchSchlrslrwnd @DeepWatersCoach Me too! #gtchat

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- 11:40 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat - and how to fix that - reach those parents who think it's something they need to "stay quiet about!"
- 11:41 pm **chrstinef:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @gifts2love True.A cultural shift is needed. Should be celebrating the gifted, not hiding it.It is madness to not support these kids #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **ljconrad:** I doubt there is a single member of our school board who even knows what asynchronous means! I'm serious. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrfsnd I agree we need to market giftedness/asynchrony better. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @JustInTimeED - We may vary on our NCLB views, but I agree that "neglect" is a great term. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **FrazzIld:** Is it the label or the lack of understanding of what it really means? The general public don't understand the special needs aspect #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** So maybe what is needed is a working group to identify the perfect marketer to help us. #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **cybraryman1:** You cannot go to the moon unless you build a rocketship #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **LesLinks:** @chrstinef Should be celebrated like the special olympics... if we are all really going to be equal... #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrfsnd imo, we need a greater shift--how do we help others really understand it & the NEED, not their current perception? #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - That's why we have to educate them, write letters about it (worked here), can work elsewhere. #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **chrstinef:** @FrazzIld I agree...thus the reason for training, training and more training...#gtchat
- 11:42 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrfsnd Oh, well clearly, that marketer is @DeborahMersino! #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @ljconrad Sounds like an opportunity to do some advocating/educating! #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @ljconrad Which is why we need not just a new term, but a marketing campaign. #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - Excellent point. I think that's all part of the branding/marketing/explaining. It's one in the same re to clarity. #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **chrstinef:** @DeepWatersCoach YES! ...#gtchat
- 11:43 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @cybraryman1 Rats, I want to do both~! #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @asynschlrfsnd imo, we need a greater shift--how do we help others really understand it & the NEED, not their current perception? #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **gifts2love:** @DavidsonGifted #gtchat - it's amazing when you casually bring it up to someone you've noticed who has a gifted child - it opens a fountain!
- 11:43 pm **FrazzIld:** I think marketing must address the general misconceptions first. Then the term will be less important #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** The reason I focus on the Special Needs aspect is that ppl tend to have more empathy/clarity upon seeing whole picture. #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeepWatersCoach I actually agree -- I think we need a sea change. Am trying to break it into pieces for discussion. #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **chrstinef:** @FrazzIld Yep! #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **prufrockpress:** Part of the trouble is that we spend a lot of time preaching to the choir (advocates for gifted) ... #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **prufrockpress:** ... so many folks outside gifted just don't seem to "get" that gifted and talented students need special services. #gtchat

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- 11:44 pm **Ijconrad:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd Amen! #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - Agree - but it's all tied together. You wouldn't name a new product/service eight different names and go for a IPO. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @prufrockpress: ... so many folks outside gifted just don't seem to "get" that gifted and talented students need special services. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **chrstinef:** @prufrockpress ha! So true...need to help those who are NOT living with giftedness understand this need #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **FrazzIld:** Agree RT @prufrockpress: Part of the trouble is that we spend a lot of time preaching to the choir (advocates for gifted) ... #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **GaryBrannigan:** No matter what's done, people are not going to see gt like Downs, autism, cp... #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynchschrslsfrnd I do think we agree. I'm just saying if we merely sub 1 term for another, it won't accomplish what we need. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - Agree! That's why I think the marketing has to shift to the general public. To do that, it must be clear though. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **asynchschrslsfrnd:** @prufrockpress Agreed -- general public, ed communities are who need assistance "getting" it. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Hense the reaction to asynchronous as well... how about highly asynchronous learners... softer #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynchschrslsfrnd If we intro a new term w/ a new set of definitions, perhaps we can make a change. #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **DazzIld:** @prufrockpress Maybe the time has come for us all to speak up and explain that to as many as we can outside the choir #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **gifts2love:** #gtchat - my children's montessori school is doing good job showing how well the method mts the needs of both specrums - sp nds and gifted.
- 11:46 pm **asynchschrslsfrnd:** @GaryBrannigan They might if they knew actual 2E kids and saw how they struggle while their needs are not met! #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @gifts2love Oh I know! Seen it often with families I work with. I love seeing that reaction when people realize they arent alone #gtchat.
- 11:46 pm **chrstinef:** So...clarity, education (to the masses) and marketing...#gtchat
- 11:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Likely not. But better messaging, right terminology, clarity and targeting will serve us better than now. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **LesLinks:** @GaryBrannigan pity is there are degree in other 'needs' as well.... there are high and low functioning in Down syn, as well as Aut. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **prufrockpress:** You can call gifted kids what you want, but the really problem is is effectively communicating the needs these kids have. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **chrstinef:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd 2E kids probably only way to help facilitate that understanding #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @chrstinef: So...clarity, education (to the masses) and marketing...#gtchat
- 11:47 pm **asynchschrslsfrnd:** @GaryBrannigan... or if they knew actual kids who are 5,6,7 SD's from the norm, and saw them try to cope in a regular school. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **JustInTimeED:** @DeborahMersino agree - focus on the special needs aspect. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Yes! RT @prufrockpress: Call gifted kids what you want, but the real problem is effectively communicating the needs these kids have. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - Yes, the messaging/positioning is utterly critical for success/buy-in! #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **asynchschrslsfrnd:** @LesLinks I was saying in the beginning that "asynchronous" only gets

- 11:48 pm **chrstinef:** @prufrockpress YES! And getting main stream population to care enough to want to advocate for this population. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **ljconrad:** Your audience needs to feel like they have a vested interest in funding gt ed. They need a reason to support it. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **prufrockpress:** The other option is to \*organize\* parent groups that are so loud, vocal, and hopping mad, that school boards start to respond. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **deepwaterscoach:** How about "Citizens of the Island of Misfit Toys"? A little Rudolph the Reindeer ought to get people's attention... #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** All right, I just have to take breath & say thank you for ur input! I know I get feisty about this - I just see such a need 4 change #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino you feisty...NO :D #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @ljconrad If these kids are the future problem-solvers, then that might be the reason to support them. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - Well put! Buy-in equates with "what's in it for me"...vested interest. Excellent point. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **LesLinks:** @asynschlrshnd Ya I know... it is such a difficult field as there are alot of aspects.. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeepWatersCoach LOL! #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach BRILLIANT!!! love it... #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - And in our attempts, we can't alienate by focusing too much on how these are the future leaders/can work against us. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DazzIId:** @prufrockpress Well, we may be headed that way ...no funding, no GT provision in schools here, we're close to hopping mad #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @LesLinks @asynschlrshnd I'm just sayin! LOL! #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @ljconrad YES! Longitud studies of gifted kids success later in life would show great contributions to society and encourage buy-in. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - Wonderful depiction. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeborahMersino I agree; also think of the pressure on the kids if it's marketed that way... Me = not the right marketer for this! #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **deepwaterscoach:** What I'm hearing in all of this is that we need to, on a deep--perhaps unseen--level, shift the current of the educational river. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **prufrockpress:** In other words, gifted education may never be popular, but we can be loud and influential. We need to train parents to advocate. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **asynschlrshnd:** One last thought... think of happy, well adjusted adults. World = happier, better place if all are that way, high IQ or not. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **chrstinef:** @prufrockpress Completely agree! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - You bring up the best of the best "delivers" of the messaging - parents. Must be aligned/in sync. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **ljconrad:** @DavidsonGifted How about National Security? Medevlev made this pt in a 2 hr speech on gifted ed in April in Russia. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: What I'm hearing in all of this is that we need to, on a deep--perhaps unseen--level, shift the current of the educational river. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @prufrockpress Back to need for new label, hand in hand with being loud and influential. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **LesLinks:** @DavidsonGifted how about .. potential innovators (innovation being a key word these days...) #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **deepwaterscoach:** It sounds as if we need to become unified in our definition of this wonderful, unique resource and its needs, then present that... #gtchat

- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino**: We've got just a few minutes left. Final thoughts, ideas, reactions, hope? #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DavidsonGifted**: @AsynchSchlrsFnd Well said! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @deepwaterscoach: It sounds as if we need to become unified in our definition of this wonderful, unique resource and its needs, then present that... #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **deepwaterscoach**: to the educational realm. I feel this has already started. As we become more unified, the river's current will shift. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **asynchschrslrwnd**: @DavidsonGifted Absolutely, longitudinal studies -->having needs met = successful (by any definition) adults = better world. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **FrazzIld**: The ed system will have to change for all learners and the new way may suit gifted anyway. May allow them to shine through more #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **gifts2love**: #gtchat - I wonder is there research to support that every dollar invested in gifted = how much benefit to society?
- 11:59 pm **gifts2love**: @DavidsonGifted #gtchat - wow, awesome! Support, awareness, key!
- 11:59 pm **asynchschrslrwnd**: @DeborahMersino Agreed that if public buys the need for support, everything else gets easier across the board. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **FrazzIld**: Most of the methods for teaching gifted would probably be great for all kids #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **christinef**: @KTVEe Yes - teach HOW to think, not what! Benefits ALL learners. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino**: That's it for our session! TY again to everyone. Each one of you offered critical input/perspective. So essential/agents of change! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **KTVEe**: gifted ed. is about meeting needs, not about elitism #gtchat