



## Transcript from September 17, 2010 to September 17, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

### September 17, 2010

- 4:09 am **Ijconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: ATTN #gtchat fans: I will have a new page up soon on the Ingenious Web site where you can order your T-shirts! Stay tuned. #gifted
- 4:20 am **Ijconrad:** New SENG president announced #gtchat #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/JB9U8dHK>
- 4:22 am **Ijconrad:** Gifted Education: Let's Do It! Kentucky video #gtchat #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/CxXeYter>
- 4:25 am **Ijconrad:** CO gifted affiliate, "The Dynamics of Talent Development" #gtchat #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/HGd9WB5U>
- 4:29 am **Ijconrad:** A mother discovers gifted advocacy #gtchat #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/A9mqH5G1>
- 4:30 am **Ijconrad:** Discovering Kahn Academy as a gifted resource #gtchat #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/IJ1z4jRm>
- 4:32 am **Ijconrad:** James Webb to keynote @ St. Louis gifted mini-conference #gtchat #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/FVoYoHrw>
- 4:33 am **Ijconrad:** NAGC Standards #gtchat #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/I7YwReBt>
- 4:38 am **Ijconrad:** Global #gtchat participants to present at Irish Festival! #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/zVU2cYwV>
- 7:39 am **Willis1971:** RT @ITLFestival Using Social Media to Support Gifted Learners in Ireland: <http://wp.me/pQmiB-au> #gtchat #gifted <= Excellent!
- 7:45 am **Frazzlld:** "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" will be the topic of discussion at the 5pm GMT #gtchat today #gifted
- 8:01 am **CathRiordan:** "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" will be the topic of discussion at the 5pm GMT #gtchat today #gifted
- 8:09 am **CathRiordan:** RT @ITLFestival Using Social Media to Support Gifted Learners in Ireland: <http://wp.me/pQmiB-au> #gifted #gtchat
- 8:17 am **Frazzlld:** : "Online Learning for #Gifted Students" will be the topic for discussion at the 12am GMT #gtchat tonight
- 8:54 am **jofrei:** RT @Frazzlld: : "Online Learning for #Gifted Students" will be the topic for discussion at the 12am GMT #gtchat tonight
- 8:54 am **jofrei:** RT @Frazzlld: "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" will be the topic of discussion at the 5pm GMT #gtchat today #gifted
- 9:10 am **RevezNexus:** RT @ITLFestival Using Social Media to Support Gifted Learners in Ireland: <http://wp.me/pQmiB-au> #gtchat #gifted
- 10:34 am **Frazzlld:** @marloft @catherinecronin : "Online Learning for Gifted Students" will be the topic for discussion at the 12am GMT #gtchat tonight...?!
- 11:33 am **eshwaranv:** RT @Frazzlld: : "Online Learning for #Gifted Students" will be the topic for discussion at the 12am GMT #gtchat tonight
- 12:19 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @Dazzlld: RT @ITLFestival Using Social Media to Support Gifted Learners in Ireland: <http://wp.me/pQmiB-au> #gtchat #gifted
- 12:58 pm **Daynuv:** RT @Dazzlld: RT @ITLFestival Using Social Media to Support Gifted Learners

in Ireland: <http://wp.me/pQmiB-au> #gtchat #gifted

- 1:13 pm **jimlenaghan:** RT @Daynuv: RT @DazzlId: RT @ITLFestival Using Social Media to Support Gifted Learners in Ireland: <http://wp.me/pQmiB-au> #gtchat #gifted
- 1:20 pm **LesLinks:** Javiats #Gifted Grant deadline extended, urge your Representative to sign! <http://capwiz.com/cek/issues/alert/?alertid=15469501> #gtchat
- 1:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teacher6th - When is ITAG? #gtchat
- 1:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate will be our noon/EDT #gtchat topic today, 09.17. Join us! #gifted #edchat
- 1:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future will be our 7pm/EDT topic for #gtchat today, 09.17. Join us!
- 1:50 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future will be our 7pm/EDT topic for #gtchat today, 09.17. Join us!
- 1:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you to everyone who voted in this week's #gtchat Twtpoll. We have two excellent topics for today!
- 1:51 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate will be our noon/EDT #gtchat topic today, 09.17. Join us! #gifted #edchat
- 2:32 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @DeborahMersino: Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future will be our 7pm/EDT topic for #gtchat today, 09.17. Join us!
- 2:33 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @DeborahMersino: What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate will be our noon/EDT #gtchat topic today, 09.17. Join us! #gifted...
- 2:36 pm **SeaburySchool:** May not be able to make an appearance in #gtchat today. It's picture day!
- 2:55 pm **DazzlId:** Just over an hour to #gtchat: What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate will be our noon/EDT topic today
- 3:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to #gtchat! Our topic at noon/EDT: "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate." Join us! #gifted
- 3:13 pm **eshwaranv:** An interesting read: The Tracking and Ability Grouping debate: <http://bit.ly/bNmN9C> #gtchat
- 3:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @eshwaranv: An interesting read: The Tracking and Ability Grouping debate: <http://bit.ly/bNmN9C> #gtchat
- 3:45 pm **CathRiordan:** 15mins to #gtchat Topic is "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate"
- 3:45 pm **FrazzId:** 15mins to #gtchat Topic is "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate"
- 3:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets 4 the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Pardon the heavy stream; feel free 2 unfollow. Topic: Ability Grouping Debate. #gifted
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate." Join us! #gifted
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment & introduce yourselves & your role (educator, parent, counselor, student, advocate) & where you reside! #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate." Join us! #gifted
- 4:01 pm **FrazzId:** Please excuse me for the next hour while I join #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, wife & mother to 2 girls (ages 8 & 9), consultant to GT communities...living in sunny Colorado.
- 4:02 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Marlow from Asynchronous Scholars' Fund here, educator, parent, and advocate, in California. Good morning! #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: "What Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate." Join us! #gifted
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** While you're introducing yourselves, I'm going to put up some links for later

- 4:02 pm **jofrei:** Hi! Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Australia #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Hello from England where its a fine Friday evening. I was government's lead on G&T education, now retired into consultancy.
- 4:03 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino Hi, Deborah - I'm here, but probably mostly observing today! #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DazzlId:** Karen here in Dublin, parent, advocate and support group coordinator. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **ljconrad:** Advocate/Consultant/mother of gited from Pittsburgh #gtchat Here for a couple minutes
- 4:03 pm **FrazzId:** Hello from Ireland on a lovely autumnal evening. Catherine, parent, advocate and support group leader. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** An Analysis of the Research on Ability Grouping: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives via UConn/Kulik <http://bit.ly/bmwezB> #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **halleyrebecca:** Good morning! Halley from @SeaburySchool for gifted students in Tacoma, WA. #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Howdy, howdy, howdy! Lisa here, life coach to gifted grownups & parents of GT kids. Parent of 2 GT kids (1 is 2e) #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Glad to see everyone! #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **eshwaranv:** Hi all! This is Vytheeshwaran, science teacher from Chennai, India #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **giaimojosephine:** Josephine Giaimo here, experience strategist and designer, instructor, tutor, and advocate for gifted children and adults in NJ #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @HoagiesGifted has an excellent page w/ resources on the topic of ability grouping <http://bit.ly/bv6pqg> #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **Susanewith3:** Hi, Susanne, parent and homeschooler to 4 kids. Well...homeschooler to 3 for now. :) The oldest 2 at least are gifted. #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **cybraryman1:** With schnoodle on my lap #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** There is perhaps no other issue that is thornier than ability grouping. #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Psychologist from upstate New York #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: Before we get into what the research says, what are you own personal views on ability grouping? #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Here's a link to a generic literature review of grouping research commissioned by UK Government in 2005 - <http://bit.ly/aN3Tsf>
- 4:07 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Q1: I am loving ability grouping for my kids. See some negatives, but mostly positives. Has really helped my kids soar. #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **getsweetie:** #GTchat I'm Sweetie Berry a Twice Gifted Specialist, and mom/stepmom of 4 and parent of a twice gifted teenager
- 4:07 pm **DazzlId:** Q1 I wish they did that here in Ireland. We're all about mixed-ability here. #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **Susanewith3:** Q1: I haven't thought about it too much lately since it's not really an option where I am. As a homeschooler I'm limited to #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **FrazzId:** Q1: I like the Schoolwide Cluster Grouping Model outlined in detail in this book by Winebrenner/Brulles : <http://ow.ly/2FSns> #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **cybraryman1:** There are both positives & negatives #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **Susanewith3:** who is out there to meet with/hang with/teach with. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** India, Australia, Ireland, England & New Jersey, Washington, Colorado, Pennsylvania, California/love it. You all make it possible! #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino For UK. acceleration is even more contentious than

- grouping strategies... #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **Susannewith3:** As a KID I preferred it because the classes with honors or AP classes were all so much more interesting than the general ones. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix @Frazzlld - Thank you for the links...looking forward to reviewing. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **jofrei:** Q1I believe ability grouping is of vital importance for gifted students #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **Susannewith3:** I'm absolutely positive though that exclusive grouping is bad for preparation for the future. Kid's need diversity..even in ability #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **eshwaranv:** It is mostly heterogenous here in India. Grouping occurs in a very small scale here. I'll be more on the learning mode today. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **GaryBrannigan:** My concern is for the kids in the lower tracks #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** Even within my own Master's program, I see teachers who still view it as "elitist" despite research findings. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **jofrei:** A good Australian article <http://www.sydneyboyshigh.com/curriculum/ability-grouping> #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **ljconrad:** #gtchat Positives all the way!
- 4:10 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q1. Discussion is problematic because of definitional differences. We talk about streaming, setting, in-class grouping....
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Kulik (1992, 1997, 2003) demonstrated that all students benefit (not only gifted, who finally can learn at the right pacing) #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @jofrei: A good Australian article <http://www.sydneyboyshigh.com/curriculum/ability-grouping> #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Typically, that's where most ppl's concerns are; however, even these kids have been found to thrive more. #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** Q1. A broad generalisation but setting seems beneficial for gifted learners but can be less so for low attainers... #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik coming in late from Vegas. I am a resource and advocate for #gifted kids and familes thru Davidson Young Scholars Program. #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **Dazzlld:** RT @jofrei: A good Australian article <http://www.sydneyboyshigh.com/curriculum/ability-grouping> <= thanks, good clear explanation #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **Susannewith3:** Were those only academic benefits from Kulik or were they examining social aspects as well? #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @ljconrad: mother discovers gifted advocacy #gtchat #gifted #CAGT <http://fb.me/A9mqH5G1>, she learned that the gifted are ignored! #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I do think the research is contested - and depends on which kind of grouping in which educational setting.
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** The reform movement of the 80s was aimed at abolishing ability grouping/the consequences were bad 4 gifted (Davis, Rimm, Siegle) #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Susannewith3 - Both! All levels felt they had a better opportunity to "shine" and get the instruction/pacing/support they needed. #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **Susannewith3:** I would think the kids on the lower track would benefit academically from not having gifted in class raising the bar beyond ability #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **cybraryman1:** I am a proponent of self directed learning <http://cybraryman.com/selfdirectedlearning.html> #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - I won't disagree...you're right about different "ways" of grouping and the research aspects. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **Frazzlld:** Seems all kids benefit from mixed ability groups but only when the ability gap is not too big. #gtchat

- 4:15 pm **Susannewith3:** Not to mention a confidence booster that increases the willingness to learn. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **SeaburySchool:** We use ability grouping for subjects like math, foreign language, and sometimes English and other subjects. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Susannewith3 - Sadly, most educ. dislike what "grouping" does to lower, but it benefits them as well. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **SeaburySchool:** We are, however, a very small school serving a uniquely gifted population. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **CoralBurbano:** It has been a positive experience for my son. Results has been better behavior and better attitude towards school. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @LesLinks: Javiats #Gifted Grant deadline extended, urge your Representative to sign! <http://capwiz.com/cek/issues/alert/?alertid=15469501> #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **SeaburySchool:** One class per grade-level, we group within individual classes. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @CoralBurbano: It has been a positive experience for my son. Results: better behavior and better attitude towards school. #gtchat #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **Ijconrad:** #gtchat how low? I work sped and lower tracks have fantastic support. Tracking gives reg ed teacher more time w/reg ed students
- 4:16 pm **IMSTeacher:** RT @cybraryman1: I am a proponent of self directed learning <http://cybraryman.com/selfdirectedlearning.html> #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **Ijconrad:** RT @cybraryman1: I am a proponent of self directed learning <http://cybraryman.com/selfdirectedlearning.html> #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld Mixed-ability groups can b excellent, but in lots of subject areas, differentiation doesn't take place/can't take place. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **Susannewith3:** ..I have seen articles about gifted kids being 'needed' in schools (although it was mostly a slap at homeschoolers) but I don't know #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @Frazzlld I'm instinctively attracted by cluster grouping but there's negligible practice here. Any in Eire? #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **deepwaterscoach:** At my kids' school, everyone does the same subjects @ the same time. Everyone goes where they need. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Most kids are in the same grade-level, but if they need to accelerate or decelerate, they go to the level they need. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **Frazzlld:** @GiftedPhoenix Not in my experience #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @SeaburySchool The Davidson Academy "ability groups" every course we offer, it seems to work very well for PG kids. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Sometimes here the lower sets (tracks) get the poorer teachers and the bottom set experience is demotivating...
- 4:18 pm **deepwaterscoach:** It's like a high school there--everyone has moving periods, so no one is singled out for having to leave the classroom. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **Susannewith3:** My oldest would suffer without intense differentiation. I have yet to see a school system meet needs of gifted anywhere I've lived. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: In our attempt for "equality" how is it that we consistently ignore the NEEDS of #gifted? #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **Dazzlld:** RT @Frazzlld: @GiftedPhoenix Not in my experience <= nor mine #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **CoralBurbano:** At my son's school they do it for Math and Reading (elementary school). During those classes, everyone goes to their own class #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Susannewith3 Sounds like they want to use your kids instead of serve them, which is proly why you homeschool to begin w! #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @SeaburySchool but we are also a very small school serving a very specific population...

- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Hello! Glad you're here. Love that you ability group in every class...so wise. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat before our Election the Conservatives committed to more setting in schools - but it wasn't in the Coalition's policy document...
- 4:19 pm **Susannewith3:** @deepwaterscoach how far to they let them accelerate? the only school near me that does that only allows kids to go 2 grades up. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **FrazzIld:** @GiftedPhoenix Yes, to maximise high grades for the school, they often give best teachers to best students. Tough call, though! #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **Susannewith3:** @deepwaterscoach which for my oldest is not enough. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **jofrei:** Feldhusen & Moon (1992) contend that "sensible grouping practices match student needs with curricular opportunities" #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **cybraryman1:** Important for children to socialize & learn to work together regardless of own's strengths & weaknesses #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Of course, simply grouping kids, but then not differentiating the curriculum appropriately does nothing at all. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Susannewith3 Whatever they need is where they go. It gets difficult when in upper grades needing upper levels, but works for most. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @cybraryman1: Important for children to socialize & learn to work together regardless of owns strengths & weaknesses #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** NAGC (US) on Ability Grouping <http://bit.ly/93WIK0> #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **eshwaranv:** @FrazzIld This is very common! #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino ha! wouldn't that be a waste. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DrSmartEd:** RT @cybraryman1: Important for children to socialize & learn to work together regardless of own's strengths & weaknesses #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **SeaburySchool:** @DavidsonGifted Exactly. Us too - <15 students per grade makes this possible. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q2. In UK we've embraced the principle of 'personalisation' - meeting all needs - but there can be a conflict with gap-narrowing...
- 4:21 pm **giaimojosephine:** My view of ability grouping is that is a requirement if you are teaching math, esp. to the gifted, as I have.. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Yes, but lots of opportunities can exist (specials/art, PE, music) w/o denying kids right to learn at proper speed. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Susannewith3 Sometimes those needing higher levels have to do online courses or go to local high school. That's tougher. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **Susannewith3:** @GaryBrannigan that is my only concern. we don't get to only be with our ability group in 'the real world' #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **eshwaranv:** Very true ->RT @cybraryman1: Important for children to socialize & learn to work together regardless of own's strengths & weaknesses #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **theboysstore:** Good morning everyone!! Joining in now - trying to get caught up on the conversation ;- ) #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **FrazzIld:** Q2: Precisely the question I raised here: <http://ow.ly/2FTye> We do not treat gifted kids equally. Why? #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @giaimojosephine - Your students are fortunate! #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **Susannewith3:** @GaryBrannigan BUT I also know that we don't need 5 days a week, 8 hours a day to socialize our kids. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **deepwaterscoach:** imo, r kids have ABUNDANT opportunities 2 socialize w people of all ability levels. They have RARE opportunities 2 learn @ own pace. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **Susannewith3:** @deepwaterscoach I know one person that has done that. I don't know that I

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**Susannewith3:** @deepwaterscoach I know one person that has done that. I don't know that I could do so to my kids. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Q3: Regarding "real world" ?s, what is the purpose of education? Is it not to reach our potential relative to learning/education? #gtchat

4:23 pm

**DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld: Q2: Precisely the question I raised here: <http://ow.ly/2FTye> We do not treat gifted kids equally. Why? #gtchat

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**DazzIld:** @cybraryman1 Agree, except the system usually allows little opportunity for gifted children to maximise their strengths #gtchat

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**giaimojosephine:** Susannewith3 you can contact me later about "teaching with" etc. #gtchat

4:24 pm

**FrazzIld:** RT @DazzIld: @cybraryman1 Agree, except the system usually allows little opportunity for gifted children to maximise their strengths #gtchat

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**Susannewith3:** @deepwaterscoach agreed. my ONLY issue is the parent factor. Will parents give their kids those experiences. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - AMEN!!! I get so fired up when I hear the "social" issues...gifted kids feel odd/bored/wrong w/o peers. #gtchat

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**GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat This 2006 'launchpad' for G&T co-ordinators gives good practical advice in a UK context - <http://bit.ly/98raCh>!

4:24 pm

**Ijconrad:** #gtchat It's good I have to leave. I have strong feelings against mixed grouping in U.S. schools! Rhetoric doesn't match reality.

4:24 pm

**giaimojosephine:** Did you know that there are more honors students in India than there are students in the US? #gtchat

4:24 pm

**DavidsonGifted:** @SeaburySchool Wow! <15 Per grade? That is small. We keep it at <15 per class, sometimes as small as 2 or 3. #gtchat

4:25 pm

**cybraryman1:** If you keep subdividing into more groups you might as well have one on one instruction as far as intellect goes #gtchat

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**embracediversiT:** RT @cybraryman1: Important for children to socialize & learn to work together regardless of own's strengths & weaknesses #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** An Analysis of the Research on Ability Grouping via Kulik <http://bit.ly/9eLcTx> #gtchat

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**Susannewith3:** Q2: because we figure gifted kids can do it 'on their own' they are left to fallow because they are bright enough to get by alone. #gtchat

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**giaimojosephine:** RT @DeborahMersino: Even within my own Master's program, I see teachers who still view it as "elitist"...I had the SAME experience! #gtchat

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**theboysstore:** Yes!!! RT @cybraryman1: Important for children to socialize & learn to work together regardless of owns strengths & weaknesses #gtchat

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**halleyrebecca:** We have found many parents to get stuck on the term "individualized," and so try to avoid it at all costs. We prefer "personalized. #gtchat

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**GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat There's a fair bit online that says cluster grouping can work well - have any in US direct experience of that?

4:26 pm

**Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino its a very common issue to answer in homeschooling. As I said, it's merely the parent factor that concerns me. #gtchat

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**eshwaranv:** @giaimojosephine In India, grades are the only yardstick. Nothing else counts when it comes to making the honors list #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** @Susannewith3 Parents can't help but have their kids in mixed-ability groups in schools. I imagine it's harder when home schooling. #gtchat

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**theboysstore:** This year my daughter is teamed with a down syndrome child. The two of them arter learning from each other - it's amazing to watch. #gtchat

4:27 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Rimm has excellent analogy have a bicycle ride. Would we expect best riders to slow down, just so they don't feel bad? #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Rimm - Do you think that actually would make the slowest riders feel better? Don't think so. #gtchat

- 4:27 pm **asynschlrfsnd**: Q1: Ability grouping is essential for #gifted kids. Q2: Not worried about equality for others - I want equal chances for GT kids! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **Susannewith3**: @deepwaterscoach not so difficult where I live, large homeschool population plus other opportunities. But else where. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **asynschlrfsnd**: (Sorry for disappearing there... computer crash!) #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **JillBromen**: RT @cybraryman1: If you keep subdividing into more groups you might as well have one on one instruction as far as intellect goes #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino**: @theboysstore I agree that there are benefits to having class experiences with multiple abilities. My dd's bff was a disabled girl. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **halleyrebecca**: We have had parents tell us we should have an IEP for every single student, for an "individualized" approach. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **giaimojosephine**: Q1 In math class, not using ability grouping slows down the gifted, teaches them to underachieve, robs them of time to learn. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **CoralBurbano**: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better. ? Stephanie Tolan #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **asynschlrfsnd**: @Susannewith3 the more #gifted the child is, the more different the needs are from the norm, as you know. Few serve it. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **deepwaterscoach**: RT @CoralBurbano: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better. ? Stephanie Tolan #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **FrazzIId**: RT @CoralBurbano: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better. ? Stephanie Tolan #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino**: @theboysstore - I just want kids to also fulfill their potential within the course of a year...get the curriculum/pacing they need. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **theboysstore**: Love it RT @CoralBurbano: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better. ? Stephanie Tolan #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **halleyrebecca**: Can be hard to explain the subtleties of ability grouping in the classroom, so parents understand that everything IS personalized. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: #gtchat Q3 - Yes. Here the personalisation rhetoric is that gifted kids have equal right to challenge and support.
- 4:29 pm **DavidsonGifted**: @DeborahMersino The sports analogy is a great one. Why is ability grouping naturally accepted in sport but not academics? #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DazzIId**: RT @CoralBurbano: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better. ? Stephanie Tolan #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **eshwaranv**: Yes! -> RT @CoralBurbano: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better. ? Stephanie Tolan #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **asynschlrfsnd**: RT @DeborahMersino: NAGC (US) on Ability Grouping<--Critical position paper - do read it! <http://bit.ly/93WIK0> #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @giaimojosephine: Q1 In math class, not using ability grouping slows down the gifted, teaches them to underachieve, robs them of time to learn. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **giaimojosephine**: RT Reforms of the 80s aimed at abolishing ability grouping/consequences were bad 4 gifted (Davis, Rimm, Siegle)..no surprise there! #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @CoralBurbano: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better. ? Stephanie Tolan #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **theboysstore**: @DeborahMersino \* Absolutely - there has to be a happy medium. Being an involved parent always helps :- ) #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **Susannewith3**: @DeborahMersino agreed. advancing a kid on their path should be the focus of most schools. #gtchat

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**GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat It does depend on the context. Gifted kids can sometimes benefit from teaching others (as long as it isn't too often!)

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**deepwaterscoach:** Q1 When gifted kids don't learn at the pace they need, their brains actually begin to shut down. #gtchat

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**theboysstore:** Agreed!! RT @cybraryman1: You must define your goals. Are they purely academic? #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - In school, yes. Academics is paramount. Sports, outside activities, families, friendships - all can support social. #gtchat

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**Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino it's hard. because when you say something people act like you are obnoxious for saying your kid is gifted. #gtchat

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**asynschlrfsnd:** @Susannewith3 refusing to let a child accelerate to meet their needs is horribly damaging, per A Nation Deceived nationdeceived.org #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Problem is without gifted peers, gifted students feel like an anomaly. #gtchat

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**Susannewith3:** @asynschlrfsnd agreed. it makes a huge challenge for teaching them, even in homeschool. #gtchat

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**giaimojosephine:** Q1 I taught a mixed ability math class with a student who should have been accelerated/other students treated him like a mascot! #gtchat

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**theboysstore:** I have heard this too many times RT @cybraryman1 - Problem is without gifted peers, gifted students feel like an anomaly. #gtchat

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**Susannewith3:** @asynschlrfsnd agreed! If you don't let them 'use it' they 'lose it' or through it away :( #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** @cybraryman1 Not meeting academic goal affects the social! Kids feel ostracized when asking "odd" questions, raising hands "2 much" #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** If a 2nd grader is reading at a 6th grade level, they shouldn't have to spend their schooling lives relearning what they already know. #gtchat

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**jofrei:** Robin Hood tendency when richer in ability are robbed of challenge to pay the poorer quarter of the class #gtchat

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**asynschlrfsnd:** Q3: Purpose of education will be defined differently depending on whom you ask. Should be as you state, though. #gtchat

- 4:34 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @cybraryman1 Also, not meeting academic needs raises odds of drug abuse, depression, incarceration, etc. later in life. Social goal! #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Q4 It is important to keep a sense of perspective about what education is for - not just stuffing in knowledge....
- 4:34 pm **giaimojosephine:** "... but only when the ability gap is not too big." The problem is that it usually IS too big, and there's no one to intervene! #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **CoralBurbano:** RT @DeborahMersino: If a 2nd grader is reading at a 6th grade level, they shouldn't have to spend their schooling lives relearning what they already know. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @jofrei: Robin Hood tendency when richer in ability are robbed of challenge to pay the poorer quarter of the class #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino AGREED. I can't imagine being the teacher making the accelerated reader sit still with 'see jane run' #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **halleyrebecca:** The thing I love most about @SeaburySchool is the students don't know how different they are bc their peers "get" them. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **cybraryman1:** A good teacher should be able to motivate & instruct all students of different abilities in a gifted class #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **theboysstore:** RT @DeborahMersino: If a 2nd grader is reading at a 6th grade level, they shouldn't have to spend their schooling lives relearning... #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **halleyrebecca:** No one sticks out as "the smart one" or "the nerd." #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm feeling feisty as you can tell. I've just had it with the arguments that gifted will be "all right" & that it's elitist. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @cybraryman1: A good teacher should be able to motivate & instruct all students of different abilities in a gifted class #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Arguably, an excellent teacher should be able to differentiate perfectly in a mixed ability class - it's very hard though
- 4:36 pm **Susannewith3:** Q4, parent advocacy, supplemental schooling, home schooling, etc. Is it an issue that would allow for protests? I can't see that. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @CoralBurbano: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better. ? Stephanie Tolan #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** It's UNEQUAL to NOT let them learn appropriately in school. GT kids need challenge, support, opportunity (just LIKE lower/middle) #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q4: When and how will we help sound the alarms?! We have a civil rights issue on our hands!! #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **theboysstore:** I second that RT @DeborahMersino: I've just had it with the arguments that gifted will be "all right" & that it's elitist. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **Susannewith3:** Q4: attending PTA meetings, school meetings, being careful about voting for school board, etc. How much is there that CAN be done? #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** It's time for PARENTS & EDUCATORS who see this/care about this TO SPEAK UP/ACT/contact legislatures/advocate/study & learn! #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** Q4 the Asynchronous Scholars' Fund intends to frame it exactly this way: civil rights issue. Just serving CA, but we hope to be a model #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **halleyrebecca:** @DeborahMersino As our head of school says, "every child has the right to learn something new every day." #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino It is a matter of gifted learners having an equal right to challenge and support #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino Yes. Because it isn't elitist. Anymore than having teacher aides for slow learners is elitist. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** My dd keeps begging for EPGY to start b/c she's bored in math. NO one should be BORED in school. We need innovators/go-getters. #gtchat

- 4:38 pm **DazzlId:** RT @DeborahMersino: It's time for PARENTS & EDUCATORS who see this/care about this TO SPEAK UP/ACT/contact legislatures/advocate/study & learn! #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **giaimojosephine:** Hetero grouping masks the ills of the teacher...I mean, if students get As, it's because of having a good teacher, right? Maybe not! #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: It's time for PARENTS & EDUCATORS who care about this 2 SPEAK UP/ACT/contact legislatures <-- YES! #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm a huge advocate for ALL abilities; I just also believe gifted deserve SAME consideration & support. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **FrazzId:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: @DeborahMersino It is a matter of gifted learners having an equal right to challenge and support #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **Susannewith3:** Gifted children aren't finished products. They have to be taught and educated not only in KNOWLEDGE but HOW to use their gifts. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **eshwaranv:** @giaimojosephine I guess that's one evil of a hetero class. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @halleyrebecca This is a very important part of growing up. Being around peers who "get" you. That's why the Davidson Programs exist #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **jofrei:** RT @FrazzId: RT @GiftedPhoenix: @DeborahMersino It is a matter of gifted learners having an equal right to challenge and support #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** ATTN: Educators of #edchat. I hope you read the research/understand that #gifted learners NEED you & support. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **deepwaterscoach:** A major difference between special eds needs & GT needs being met is the use of litigation... #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **giaimojosephine:** "articles about gifted kids being 'needed' in schools " I'd like to see those articles... #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **beckyoung3:** Hi: Mom of 3 gt kids and librarian @SeaburySchool. In K my daughter was teamed with a Spanish speaking girl; in 1st she helped ... #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Differentiation is powerful, but it can't always happen at the level it needs to when you've got 8 different levels w/i one class. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Is part of the problem in US that the overall educational standard is actually lower relative to #gifted than in other countries?
- 4:40 pm **eshwaranv:** Will gifted children be able to use their giftedness better in a hetero class? #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DazzlId:** Mixed-ability classrooms being taught "to the middle" result in underachieving gifted kids...I have one who's only 10! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **beckyoung3:** nonreaders. I'm sure she benefited, but she was in school to learn, not teach. In 2nd, I moved her to Seabury. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @halleyrebecca This is a very important part of growing up. Being around peers who "get" you. That's why the Davidson Programs exist #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **Susannewith3:** @giaimojosephine ...it would take me a while to find it. But it's probably saved in Gifted Homeschoolers forum. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **theboysstore:** Sad RT @DazzlId Mixed-ability classrooms being taught "to the middle" result in underachieving gifted kids..I have one whos only 10! #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - We woefully supported lower-end for long time. needed to change. has. that needs to continue. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @giaimojosephine I'd like to see those articles about #gifted kids being "needed" in schools too! #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat - or is it that you guys are focused on highly gifted while we have a more liberal definition?
- 4:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - However, funding, testing, etc. seems to focus in US on

- 4:42 pm **GiftedHF:** @Susannewith3 What is saved at GHF? (sorry, not entirely here this morning!) #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **GiftedHF:** #gtchat If this hasn't been added to the discussion yet, here's a post that speaks to ability grouping: <http://tinyurl.com/3a97ods> #gifted
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix US doesn't fund #gifted/as long as they're "proficient," school is "supposedly" doing its job (WRONG on many levels) #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @GiftedPhoenix re: focus on gifted, problem is that it encompasses as many as 6 standard deviations or more! #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino It's difficult enough for me teaching 2-3 & differentiating for them. Can't imagine, even in small classrooms. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **halleyrebecca:** Welcome to #gtchat @beckyoung3 <- my mom and librarian to @seaburyschool. Ask her for appropriate book recs for advanced readers.
- 4:43 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Generally it feels that the 'pull-out' tradition is much stronger in US gifted education than it is over here
- 4:43 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: @GiftedPhoenix - We woefully supported lower-end for long time. needed to change. has. that needs to continue. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF articles on why gifted students shouldn't be homeschooled. I know I saw the articles shared by you a while back. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **Susannewith3:** @halleyrebecca YES. Librarians are EXCELLENT resources for that. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @AsynchSchlrFnd #gtchat Yes - I think the range we are discussing is a problem we don't acknowledge enough!
- 4:44 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: @GiftedPhoenix US doesn't fund #gifted if they're "proficient," school "doing its job" (WRONG on many levels) #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Research shows many #gifted can condense 3 yrs learning in 2 yrs when properly grouped/challenged. #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: @GiftedPhoenix -Research shows many #gifted can condense 3 yrs learning in 2 yrs when properly grped/challenged. #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @GiftedPhoenix I agree! Range we support is ridiculously broadly defined, and most do NOT understand how varied these kids are #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF They were pretty ill-founded reasons if I recall, but good examples of the mentality that the gifted face. #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** Now, the focus in the US is on the "inequity" w/i #gifted programming. So all \$ going to that...high ability students left in dust. #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** I agree/care deeply about under-represented gifted populations. We're just stagnating though. When will US WAKE UP?! #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **GiftedHF:** @Susannewith3 Why they \*shouldn't\* be homeschooled? Hm. Maybe on the FB page <http://tinyurl.com/36ezyqq> but not on website #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **Susannewith3:** @deepwaterscoach YES They mostly do NOT provide for Gifted Students unless they are troubled. My gifted program was a joke. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @GiftedPhoenix To paraphrase several sources, kid w/ IQ of 180 = as different from 130 gifted kid, as typical kid is from kid of 80. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino The US will wake up when we litigate. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** LAST QUESTION: I humbly/passionately believe that PARENTS will be the force that causes change. By partnering w/GOV, educators. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **GiftedHF:** @Susannewith3 Oh, OK – yes, on the FB page. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino What happens to the 16 yr old entering college. Can they emotionally & socially handle college? #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Ahh yes - in my terms: lots of equity and not

- 4:48 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF it may have just been on the facebook page, I just remember seeing it via you as a discussion topic. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Focus in US = on the "inequity" w/i #gifted programming; all \$ going 2 that...high ability left in dust. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **GiftedHF:** @asynschlrsfnd #gtchat Exactly. My article on the Bow Tie Model in the current Parenting for High Potential addresses this.
- 4:48 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Susannewith3 Schools aren't concerned w/ GT until the kids is at risk of dropping out. Then they're a "troubled" student. Duh! #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @DeborahMersino The US will wake up when we litigate.// Same here! #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Gifted need faster paced instruction and deeper level of content than average #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @DeborahMersino The US will wake up when we litigate.<--I'm with you! #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Yes...so many examples of success. Look at Hoagies, Davidson, etc. Need support/but learning = breathing to them. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF lol I was not suggesting you were advocating that :) #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **Susannewith3:** @deepwaterscoach yes. and by then its often too late. :( #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd #gtchat Added to which, gifted kids at a similar level can be very, very different in terms of needs.
- 4:49 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Susannewith3 (Did I just say "duh"???) But see drop-out as "troubled" issue, not GT-related, product of epic education fail. #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **theboysstore:** I'am often stuck on: How can any child learn when school days are so short? #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** LAST QUESTION: What can YOU/I do this week, this month, to sound the bells, raise the flag, fight the fight?!! #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **SeaburySchool:** @DeborahMersino Hard to convince people we serve a special needs population too, not "privileged smart kids." #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GiftedHF:** @Susannewith3 I didn't think so :- ) #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** @cybraryman1: Re: can 16 yr old entering college handle it?<--Depends on kid; many highly #gifted kids start with comm coll classes #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **DazzIld:** @cybraryman1 Properly supported they should be able to handle it, especially if their education equipped them for challenge! #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **SeaburySchool:** Maybe that's why SENG is only 52nd for a Pepsi Refresh grant. Go vote, everybody! www.refresheverything.com/seng #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - So true. So many different profiles/learning styles/areas of giftedness. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **GiftedHF:** @theboysstore School days aren't short -- they are long. They are just filled w lots of non-useful stuff. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Anybody know any gifted lawyers? #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **Susannewith3:** @deepwaterscoach i agree. it is. :) #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **RaisingCEOKids:** @DeborahMersino I will continue to breath belief into every family that is in the sound of my voice! #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF 140 characters makes it hard to explain :) #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @SeaburySchool: Maybe thats why SENG is only 52nd for a Pepsi Refresh grant. Go vote, everybody! www.refresheverything.com/seng #gtchat
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Refresh grant. Go vote, everybody! [#gtchat](http://www.refresheverything.com/seng)

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- 4:50 pm **RaisingCEOKids:** RT @deepwaterscoach: Anybody know any gifted lawyers? <== I would love a referral if you find one!!! [#gtchat](#)
- 4:50 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @GiftedHF re: Bow Tie Model in PHP, I'll have to look it up, thanks! [#gtchat](#)
- 4:51 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @deepwaterscoach: Anybody know any gifted lawyers? [#gtchat](#) <- GHF has one on our board
- 4:51 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q4: When and how will we help sound the alarms?! We have a civil rights issue on our hands!! [#gtchat](#)
- 4:51 pm **RaisingCEOKids:** RT @GiftedHF: @theboysstore School days arent short – they are long. They are just filled w lots of non-useful stuff. <== So true! [#gtchat](#)
- 4:51 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @GiftedPhoenix extremely varied, yes! Never mind #2e [#gtchat](#)
- 4:51 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @AsynchSchlrnsFnd: @GiftedHF re: Bow Tie Model in PHP, I'll have to look it up, thanks! [#gtchat](#) <- Sept 2010 issue, out now
- 4:52 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** [#gtchat](#) Q6. I thought some of the rhetoric around STEM in US was promising this week. I would always counsel targeting Government priorities
- 4:52 pm **SeaburySchool:** @DavidsonGifted We have just one class per grade-level - 85 kids in the whole school, pre-K to 8th grades right now. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** Benefits are are slight from prgms that group child by ability, but prescribe common curriculum (Kulik/Rogers) [#gtchat](#)
- 4:52 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @GiftedHF We need to start considering what our rights are and how to go after them. That's 1 way special ed has gotten funded. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:52 pm **RaisingCEOKids:** @cybraryman1 What are your feelings on that. Mine is 14 and already taking college classes. What have you found? [#gtchat](#)
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** Students who are gifted should spend majority of school day w/others of similar ability/interests (Rogers) [#gtchat](#)
- 4:52 pm **theboysstore:** @GiftedHF \* I guess I am biased having grown up in the Swiss schooling system. 7:45 to 4:55 was pretty typical. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:52 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @theboysstore: I do every week - Talk /write to anyone I can in my county, district, state. <-We should all do this!! [#gtchat](#)
- 4:53 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** [#gtchat](#) Work out what the Government most wants to achieve - and use that as a vehicle to advance needs of [#gifted](#) learners
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** When full-time gifted programs are not available, gifted stdnts benefit from cluster-grouping/cross-grade instru. (Rogers) [#gtchat](#)
- 4:53 pm **jofrei:** Rogers (1992) found academic gains from a variety of grouping options with no significant social and psychological effects [#gtchat](#)
- 4:53 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q3 If you read C. P. Snow's "The Hidden Curriculum", education system is supposed to create good workers, not actualized individuals [#gtchat](#)
- 4:53 pm **GiftedHF:** @theboysstore I'm biased as a [#homeschool](#) family. 24/7 is what works for us :- ) [#gtchat](#)
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** Gifted students, indiv. or in groups, should be offered acceleration-based options. (Kulik, Rogers) [#gtchat](#)
- 4:53 pm **CoralBurbano:** @DeborahMersino Totally agree! [#gtchat](#)
- 4:53 pm **jofrei:** Fiedler, Lang & Winebrenner (1993) attacked myths about ability grouping [#gtchat](#)
- 4:54 pm **theboysstore:** @asynschlrnsfnd \* Thanks some weeks are much harder than others - motivation wanes at times. [#gtchat](#)
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** Mixed-ability cooperative learning plans should be used sparingly for gifted

- 4:54 pm **DazzlId:** @DeborahMersino Agree, true peers for gifted kids are not necessarily age-peers. #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeepWatersCoach Do you have specific ideas? #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **theboysstore:** We end up doing so much at home too RT @GiftedHF: @theboysstore Im biased as a #homeschool family. 24/7 is what works for us :- ) #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF agreed. Although sometimes 23/7 would be nice. Momma needs a break from talking every once in a while. :) #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino Re: what we can do: I am launching an organization! (the Fund) #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @GiftedHF Not yet. And I hate litigation. But perhaps we need to consider it as tool... #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q3 Also can read "The Dignity of Youth and Other Atavisms" which suggests gifted are pitted against average teachers in reg classes #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat We haven't mentioned vertical grouping. Tends to be used here only in small rural schools but it has lots of potential beyond that
- 4:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: Rogers (1992) found academic gains from a variety of grouping options with no significant social and psychological effects #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @Susannewith3: @GiftedHF agreed. Although sometimes 23/7 would be nice. Momma needs a break.<--ROTFL!! #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - YES, excellent point! #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DazzlId:** @deepwaterscoach Maybe a "class action suit"?? pun intended ;- ) #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **cybraryman1:** Not worried academically about college at young age but concerned about emotionally & socially. I did it & would not recommend #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DazzlId: @deepwaterscoach Maybe a "class action suit"?? pun intended ;-)/LOL!!! Love it! #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **shari\_tweets:** @DeborahMersino 'The evidence in favor of acceleration for highly gifted children is unambiguous and overwhelming.' (DeLacy) #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @giaimojosephine: "The Dignity of Youth and Other Atavisms"suggests gifted are pitted against avg teachers in reg classes #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **GiftedHF:** @cybraryman1 #gtchat I was 16 & a mess - not for gifted reasons tho My 14yo is starting her 2nd yr at college & LOVES it! Depends on kid
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final thoughts? I love impassioned individuals & those who are in the question. We're at an important crossroad!! #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @DazzlId: @deepwaterscoach Maybe a "class action suit"?? pun intended ;-)<--LOL! #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **Susannewith3:** @DazzlId very true. Mixed ages works amazingly well in homeschool groups. We tend to group by ability too. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeepWatersCoach Maybe. Problem is, that takes \$\$\$\$. We are currently considering outreach to local bar assn ed committees. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **theboysstore:** RT @DeborahMersino: Final thoughts? I love impassioned individuals & those who are in the question. Were at an important crossroad!! #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF lol true. Is anything easy on a teenager? Is college any harder than highschool socially? For me it wouldn't have been. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Agree re STEM...following it...will keep monitoring. TY. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **Susannewith3:** @asynschlrfsnd lol i only speak the truth. :) #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @Susannewith3 Re: mixed ages/ability, I teach a class with same... challenging but very rewarding! #gtchat

- 4:58 pm **halleyrebecca**: It's been an hour already?! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **deepwaterscoach**: @GiftedHF I hear you on the \$\$ issue. But perhaps we need to start thinking in this direction. Perhaps some ppl wld fund? #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **GiftedHF**: @Susannewith3 College has been MUCH easier for my 14yo dd socially. She takes her education very seriously. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **theboysstore**: Got to run - great "conversation" as usual - have a great day all!! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **asynchschrlnsnd**: @Susannewith3: oops I meant to say, I teach a homeschool class! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **giaimojosephine**: Most teachers, even good ones, don't even get a chance to teach gifted classes...NJ mandates ID, differentiation, but provides no \$ #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino**: No Gifted Left Behind in the Era of No Child Left Behind!! (subtitle in Education of the Gifted & Talented). #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **deepwaterscoach**: @GiftedHF I'm just throwing an idea out there--it's been on my mind lately. If it's meant to be, it will gain momentum. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **asynchschrlnsnd**: @DeborahMersino Thanks for the #gtchat, everyone!
- 4:59 pm **deepwaterscoach**: RT @DeborahMersino: No Gifted Left Behind in the Era of No Child Left Behind!! (subtitle in Education of the Gifted & Talented). #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: #gtchat Maybe ask a group of gifted kids how they would organise their own education and use that to challenge existing practice in a school
- 4:59 pm **Susannewith3**: @GiftedHF my oldest is the same. he's very focused when learning. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **padgets**: @DeborahMersino #gtchat sorry I missed you today, when do the shirts become available?
- 4:59 pm **giaimojosephine**: RT @halleyrebecca: No one sticks out as "the smart one" or "the nerd." ...I like the term "nerd"...why don't other people? #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino**: Thank you everyone. I hope you'll check out the research in the links/intriguing! I appreciate the input/ideas/thoughts of all. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **eshwaranv**: Was relatively silent today, but learned a lot! Thanks to all on #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **deepwaterscoach**: @GiftedHF I don't think I'm the only one thinking this... #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **halleyrebecca**: RT @DeborahMersino No Gifted Left Behind in the Era of No Child Left Behind!! (subtitle in Education of the Gifted & Talented). #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **GiftedHF**: @DeepWatersCoach Worth considering. GHF mission is alt ed specifically, so that would be our focus. Alt ed includes a lot, tho. #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **StepfamilyTalk**: RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @DeborahMersino: No Gifted Left Behind in the Era of No Child Left Behind!! (subtitle in Education of the Gifted & Talented). #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **asynchschrlnsnd**: RT @DeborahMersino: No Gifted Left Behind in the Era of No Child Left Behind!! (subtitle in Education of the Gifted & Talented). #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **Susannewith3**: @asynchschrlnsnd they are a challenge...especially when you want them to raise their hands or line up :) but it works so nicely! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DavidsonGifted**: Thanks Deborah! Lots of great resources on our Database:  
www.davidsongifted.org/db/ Search 'ability group' or 'advocacy' for ideas #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **deepwaterscoach**: RT @GiftedPhoenix: Ask a grp of GT kids how they'd organise their own education & use that 2 challenge existing practice in school? #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **CedarHillMom**: I started hosting a kids group meeting as a way 2 talk& expose my kids 2 other gt & non gt students. Focused on helping each other. #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino**: @padgets - We missed you! Global #gtchat T-shirts will be available in early October! #gtchat



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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Thanks Deborah! Lots of great resources on our Database: [www.davidsongifted.org/db/](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/) Search 'ability group' or 'advocacy' for ideas #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **DazzlId:** Thanks Deborah...I'm really fired up by this one! #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **giaimojosephine:** An excellent teacher should be able to differentiate ...in a mixed ability class - it's very hard though..NO, it's impossible! #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeepWatersCoach I think it's worth considering. Please keep me/GHF in mind in discussions (Maybe another #gtchat topic, @DeborahMersino?)
- 5:01 pm **eshwaranv:** Thank you @DeborahMersino for a great conversation on #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - TY for the database link. As always, it's a privilege/pleasure having you with us! #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Lots of great resources on our database: [www.davidsongifted.org/db/](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/) Search 'ability group' or 'advocacy' #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Woot! for the t-shirts!!! #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **GiftedHF:** @cybraryman1 Totally depends on the child and the situation. No such thing as one-s-ze-fits-all education. #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @GiftedHF Definitely!!! Great idea as a chat topic too @DeborahMersino #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **halleyrebecca:** We'll wear 'em proud. RT @DeepWatersCoach Woot! for the t-shirts!!! #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it for this #gtchat. Transcript will be up shortly. Join us at 7pm/EDT for "Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future!"
- 5:03 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @halleyrebecca: Well wear em proud. RT @DeepWatersCoach Woot! for the t-shirts!!!!/Yeah, we will!!! #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **GiftedHF:** @Susannewith3 I think the kids tend to move toward ability groupings naturally when homeschooling. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Thank you for another great gtchat - this was a huge and important topic #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **CedarHillMom:** #gtchat The kids in our group (both hmschool, public sch, and private sch. It works so far. We talk about self sufficiency and self worth.
- 5:03 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @halleyrebecca: It's been an hour already?! #gtchat <-- LOL! Time flies...
- 5:03 pm **CoralBurbano:** @DeborahMersino Thank you Deborah for this chat!! It makes me feel I am not alone on this fight! #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **CedarHillMom:** #gtchat of course this is under the premise of study. But it's so much more.
- 5:04 pm **eshwaranv:** I'll be a little louder at the 7pm/EDT edition of #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @CoralBurbano You are not alone! Welcome to the tribe! #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **CedarHillMom:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Thanks Deborah! Lots of great resources on our Database: [www.davidsongifted.org/db/](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/) Search 'ability group' or 'advocacy' for ideas #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach @GiftedHF - TY! Will definitely include lawsuits/class action suits as future Twtpoll topic. #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Re: Global #gtchat T-shirts will be available in early October!<--Looking forward to it! #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CoralBurbano and other new tweeps - Loved having you with us! Let me know if you have any questions about #gtchat!
- 5:05 pm **jofrei:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @halleyrebecca: Well wear em proud. Woot! for the t-shirts!!!!/Yeah, we will! - With our Twitter Nikes! #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @DeborahMersino The US will wake up when we litigate. #gtchat

- 5:06 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino @DeepWatersCoach And other legal approaches, as well. That's not the only way to go. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @jofrei: RT @halleyrebecca: Well wear em proud. Woot! for the t-shirts!!!!/Yeah, we will! - With our Twitter Nikes!/That's right! #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from 09.17 #gtchat on "What the Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" <http://bit.ly/aLXLR1> {Scroll to 4pm for start}
- 5:07 pm **FrazzIld:** Harumph! Got a phonecall near the end, which caused internet to crash...Thank you all for a great chat. See you again at midnight! #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 09.17 #gtchat on "What the Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" <http://bit.ly/aLXLR1> {Scroll to 4pm for start}
- 5:08 pm **Oregon2E:** Tmscrt frm 09.17 #gtchat on "What the Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" <http://bit.ly/aLXLR1> {Scroll to 4pm for start} #gifted
- 5:08 pm **GiftedHF:** Tmscrt frm 09.17 #gtchat on "What the Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" <http://bit.ly/aLXLR1> {Scroll to 4pm for start} #gifted
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld - Looking forward to seeing you tonight. As always, I appreciate our Irish tweeps who stay up so late to support #gtchat!
- 5:08 pm **giaimojosephine:** @deepwaterscoach Then they're a "troubled" student. Duh! EXACTLY! #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 09.17 #gtchat on "What the Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" <http://bit.ly/aLXLR1> {Scroll to 4pm for start}
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** From @DukeTIP on Ability Grouping <http://bit.ly/9a9XC3> #gtchat (meant to post this too!)
- 5:09 pm **barefootglenda:** RT @cybraryman1: A good teacher should be able to motivate & instruct all students of different abilities in a gifted class #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Thanks to all. Pleasure chatting with you....
- 5:10 pm **giaimojosephine:** Many high school dropouts test in the gifted range. How is that for an indictment of our current educational system (see oxymoron)? #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedHF @DeborahMersino @DeepWatersCoach And other legal approaches, as well. That's not the only way to go. #gtchat<= Agree. TY!
- 5:11 pm **CedarHillMom:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @GiftedPhoenix: Ask a grp of GT kids how they'd organise their own education & use that 2 challenge existing practice in school? #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **jofrei:** @AsynchSchlrFnd Thank you! Are there any other #gtstoogies coming to the luau? #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: From @DukeTIP on Ability Grouping <http://bit.ly/9a9XC3> #gtchat #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **giaimojosephine:** Thanks everybody for another great chat! #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **Nikitashraim:** Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hashtag?!: <http://bit.ly/cM661t> via @addthis
- 5:34 pm **AlaskaMiles:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Children mature at diff rates, and the social, emotional, and cognitive areas affect one another #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @Nikitashraim: Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hashtag?!: <http://bit.ly/cM661t> via @addthis
- 5:37 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @Nikitashraim: Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hashtag?!: <http://bit.ly/cM661t> via @addthis #cnjmensa
- 6:04 pm **vivianto:** RT @FrazzIld: Q2: Precisely the question I raised here: <http://ow.ly/2FTye> We do not treat gifted kids equally. Why? #gtchat
- 6:06 pm **vivianto:** RT @CoralBurbano: You don't have the moral right to hold one child back to make another child feel better ? Stenhanie Tolan #ntchat

- 6:07 pm **vivianto:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino The sports analogy is a great one. Why is ability grouping naturally accepted in sport but not academics? #gtchat
- 6:09 pm **vivianto:** RT @DeborahMersino: If a 2nd grader is reading at a 6th grade level, they shouldn't have to spend their schooling lives relearning what they already know. #gtchat
- 6:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** ATTN: Last day for early registration discount for #NAGC 2010 in Atlanta: <http://www.nagc.org/index2.aspx?id=6112> #gtchat #gifted #advocate
- 6:20 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 09.17 #gtchat "What the Research Shows: The Ability Grouping Debate" <http://bit.ly/aLXLR1> Scroll to 4pm
- 6:21 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** I'll most likely miss the afternoon #gtchat today. :(
- 6:21 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino Join us at 7pm/EDT for "Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future!" #gtchat
- 6:39 pm **educguess:** RT @asynschlrfsnd: RT @DeborahMersino Join us at 7pm/EDT for "Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future!" #gtchat
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- 7:07 pm **innovative\_tech:** RT @cybraryman1: A good teacher should be able to motivate & instruct all students of different abilities in a gifted class #gtchat
- 7:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @AsynchSchlrFnd I'll most likely miss the afternoon #gtchat today. :( <= We'll miss you for sure! Hope you have a delightful weekend!
- 8:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** ATTN: #gtchat fans...Are any of you planning to go to NAGC in Atlanta, Georgia in November (11th-14th)? Hoping to plan an informal #tweetup.
- 8:33 pm **MaryStGeorge:** Twitter #gtchat is on online education for the gifted today. That will be at 11 a.m. NZ time.
- 8:47 pm **chrstinef:** 2 more hrs until I'm off and I get to play with #gtchat and #amwriting . Cave here I come! #fb
- 8:55 pm **sukiwessling:** Find the right preschool for your gifted child <http://exm.nr/alD21C> #gtchat #gifted
- 9:10 pm **THE\_REAL\_GIFTED:** #OhJustLikeUs Good 2c things work out, But Gifted always matters? RT @GiftedHF @? #gtchat I was 16 & a mess - not for gifted reasons tho?
- 9:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teacher6th - Think I should be able to get it to you in time. I'll keep you posted & love your enthusiasm! #gtchat #T-shirts
- 9:40 pm **Ijconrad:** #gtchat Sorry I missed most of Noon chat! I feel a blog post on ability grouping coming on ... stay tuned. It will stir the waters!
- 9:47 pm **giaimojosephine:** A good teacher should be able...BUT there aren't \*enough\* gifted classes and \*most\* gifted are \*unidentified\* and \*misidentified\*! #gtchat
- 9:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to #gtchat! Join us at 7pm/EDT for "Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future." TY!
- 9:59 pm **vivianto:** RT @DeborahMersino: Benefits are are slight from prgrms that group child by ability, but prescribe common curriculum (Kulik/Rogers) #gtchat
- 10:04 pm **Ijconrad:** #gtchat fans: Consider making a donation and support the cause! We will be represented at NAGC National Convention - help make it happen!
- 10:06 pm **Ijconrad:** RT @chrstinef A few #gtchat Peeps to #FF @Ijconrad @jofrei @Giftedkidsie @laughingatchaos // <- Honored by the #FF! Thx Christine!
- 10:06 pm **Ijconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than an hour to #gtchat! Join us at 7pm/EDT for "Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future." TY!

- 10:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** Why Mixed-ability Classes Are Bad for Everyone: A Fable <http://bit.ly/aOjWhR> {Let me know if you shared this/so I can give credit!} #gtchat
- 10:20 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino Several of us have posted it... Don't worry about the credit. The imp't part is getting the info out there! #gtchat
- 10:21 pm **Ijconrad:** AAAAArrrrrgggggg! ds just asked me to take him to hs football game. I better not miss #gtchat ! >:( 7PM (EDT) be there!
- 10:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedHF - Ah...thank you! Thought it was a poignant piece backed with research/pertinent to our earlier #gtchat & my current coursework!
- 10:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Ijconrad #gtchat ...I feel a blog post on ability grouping coming on/stay tuned. It will stir the waters!<=Can't wait!
- 10:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** TY @Ijconrad 4 support! If you enjoy #gtchat, consider becoming a sponsor: <http://ingeniosus.chipin.com/global-gtchat>. TY for consideration!
- 10:40 pm **LesLinks:** Will try to join at some point.. been out of the loop for aday or two.. please refresh, what is the next chat about?? ;-s... #gtchat
- 10:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Wow! We've already had 772 #gtchat tweets this week w 92 contributors & we still have a chat left! Way to go everyone! #gifted #matters
- 10:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Next up: "Online Learning for #Gifted Students: Pros/Cons/Future" at 7pm/EDT. Hope to see you! #gtchat
- 10:47 pm **eshwaranv:** Here already for the 7pm/EDT #gtchat
- 10:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - You mean the time difference/sorry, I'm notoriously terrible at the conversions. Hope you can join us! #gtchat
- 10:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @eshwaranv Here already for the 7pm/EDT #gtchat <= love it! :-)
- 10:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Can't wait for the launch!! And thrilled that you'll be with us on Oct. 1st as a guest expert for #gtchat! #EmotionalIntensity
- 10:53 pm **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: @chrstinef - Can't wait for the launch!! And thrilled that you'll be with us on Oct. 1st as a guest expert for #gtchat! #EmotionalIntensity
- 10:54 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Check out #gtchat for amazing #ff #gifted tweeps--or my gifted list on my Twitter profile.
- 10:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** ATTN #edtech fans: Feel free to join #gtchat in 5 minutes for a discussion of Online Learning for #Gifted: Pros/Cons/Future." TY!
- 10:55 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino I am a FREAK ...must be that "intensity" thing...so I am working hard to EMBRACE INTENSITY! and enjoy the ride #gtchat
- 10:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Pardon the heavy stream; feel free to unfollow. Topic: Online Learning for #Gifted.
- 10:57 pm **eshwaranv:** Join the discussion on online learning for #gifted students on #gtchat
- 10:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** Just confirmed my NAGC registration & booked my hotel (yikes!). It's going to be well worth it though. #gtchat #goestoAtlanta!
- 10:58 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Wish I was going! Hopefully next year! ;) #gtchat
- 10:59 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino WOOT!!! I love that you made that decision. I hope that you are at peace :D #gtchat
- 10:59 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Hopping over to #gtchat! #gtstogies
- 10:59 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos @DeborahMersino Me too Me too! #gtchat
- 10:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: Online Learning for Gifted: Pros/Cons/Future." Join us/feel free to lurk too!
- 11:00 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Just confirmed NAGC registration & booked my hotel (yikes!). #gtchat #goestoAtlanta//Woot!!! You belong there! #gtchat

- 11:00 pm **sweetieberry:** @DeborahMersino I'll see you there for part of the week in ATL #gtchat #tweetup
- 11:00 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: Online Learning for Gifted: Pros/Cons/Future." Join us/feel free to lurk too! #gtchat
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Knew I needed to...\$ = tricky. Going to see the glass half-full and spread the word & hopefully hope! #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: #gtchat! topic: Online Learning for Gifted: Pros/Cons/Future." Join us/feel free to lurk too!//We love lurkers! #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: Online Learning for Gifted: Pros/Cons/Future." Join us/feel free to lurk too! #elearning
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, teacher, counselor, advocate, online learner!) & where you reside! #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino Very happy for you! CERTAIN it'll work out! #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **chrstinef:** Hey there! I'm here from So Cal, I'm an author, school psych and parent of gifted kids. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** I'm Jen in CO, mom of 2 GT boys. Blogger, advocate, volunteer. So glad it's Friday. :) #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos me too! #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, wife/mom to 2 gifted girls, grad student (online cohort!)& consultant 2 GT communities/I'm in CO!
- 11:02 pm **chrstinef:** @TracyClark\_TLC THANK YOU!!! I hope you enjoy it. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat Hi All, I am a gifted education teacher in New Zealand, and some of my teaching is online <http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz>
- 11:03 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I'm Lisa, life coach to gifted grownups & parents of gifted kids. Parent of 2 GT kids, one 2e. Live in view of the Rocky Mountains! #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **jofrei:** Hi! Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Australia #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Also board member of Colo Assoc of Gifted and Talented. #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Loads of links to share everyone! I'll post as you're introducing yourselves. #gtchat GLAD YOU'RE HERE!
- 11:03 pm **chrstinef:** @deepwaterscoach and what a great view that must be! #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Study Finds That Online Education Beats the Classroom from The New York Times <http://nyti.ms/cXGswH> #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **FrazzIId:** Catherine, parent and advocate in Ireland. Will probably mainly lurk this time! #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **ljconrad:** Hi from Pittsburgh! Gorgeous fall evening for football! Mother, advocate, consultant for gifted! #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hoagies incredible Distance Learning Page: <http://bit.ly/by5DMr> #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **chrstinef:** @ljconrad hey there! #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DazzIId:** I'm Karen in Dublin, advocate and parent. #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **Bconsortium:** RT @chrstinef: Hey there! I'm here from So Cal, I'm an author, school psych and parent of gifted kids. #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** (Free) Online High School Courses & Curriculum Materials compiled by K. Kearney via Hoagies <http://bit.ly/cnUdEJ> #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @chrstinef Oh yeah! Looking forward to when they're snowcapped!!! #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **MaryStGeorge:** I find online gifted education means very different things in different contexts #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Twitter burped. Me too what? ; ) NAGC? #gtchat

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- 11:05 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @ljconrad Yay! You made it! #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** One of my favorites! Stanford University's EPGY (Enrichment Program for Gifted Youth) <http://bit.ly/9SenVF> #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Hi #gtchat: Audrey, mom of 2 gifted girls, advocate, consultant, founder of mygiftedgirl.com
- 11:05 pm **eagledawg:** I'm Nikki, full-ride online MSIS degree scholarship recipient & mom to 2E boy in WA. Admit I might have a bit of bias on #gtchat topic ;)
- 11:06 pm **eshwaranv:** A very good evening/morning from Vytheeshwaran, science teacher from Chennai, India. #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos yes...next year will luck! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **ljconrad:** @chrstinef :D #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **LesLinks:** Lurking... lurking.. Leslinks here usually in Dublin.. now in Miami.. GiftedEd Consultant, Lecturer/Presenter, advocate, Parent of 2 #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: Have you and/or someone you know used online learning (Pre-K through Grad School)? If so, what was experience like? #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: One of my favorites! Stanford University's EPGY (Enrichment Program for Gifted Youth) <http://bit.ly/9SenVF> #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef : ) Good! :) You need to be there! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @eagledawg We're all biased! Join the club! LOL! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Miami? Is it dry there? ;) #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **LesLinks:** @eshwaranv Halo friend... good to see you... #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **laughingatchaos:** Q1: Nope, no exp. with online learning. Just self-learning. #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @LesLinks Lurker, lurker pants on fire!!! Soooo good to see you here, from on this side of the pond! #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Love having you all here - a global #gtchat community indeed! Q1 stands for Question 1 by the way/Please include "Q1" in your responses.
- 11:07 pm **ljconrad:** @deepwaterscoach :D #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat I did my teacher training and a couple of grad papers partly online, now teach online kids I have never met.
- 11:07 pm **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos Yay!!! Mostly... but nice and warm when wet.... #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q1: Have you and/or someone you know used online learning (Pre-K through Grad School)? If so, what was experience like? #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **lilnerdette:** 'ello, I'm from the Chi, creative writing student. TGIF! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **eagledawg:** @DeborahMersino Q1 HUGE advocate for online learning. Grad degree & now teach peers online. Much like gifted, many misperceptions #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** John Hopkins CTY (Center for Talented Youth) Loads of options here: <http://bit.ly/ava7JW> #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **eshwaranv:** @LesLinks Great to see you too! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino Q1 - spuse has used online learning suring his masters degree. Enjoyed it #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **chrstinef:** @eagledawg agreed! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach Awww.. thanks.. love to see you too.. will have to 'connect' now I'm here for a bit!! #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **LesLinks:** @lilnerdette Hi friend... hellow from your last vacation spot.... #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Online learning: A smart way to nurture #gifted kids by L. Vanderkam! In USA Today way back in 2004! <http://usat.ly/91aPFp> #gtchat

- 11:09 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat social scaffolding is very significant in teaching reflection and higher order thinking, and it is still tricky online
- 11:09 pm **ljconrad:** I LOVE online learning ... learned HTML and created first website through online class. Also, Egyptian mythology and US history! :) #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **ginarau:** My son was just accepted to the @DavidsonGifted program & we're hoping to learn about online math programs for in-school #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **liInerdette:** @DeborahMersino Q1--friend is doing distance learning (95% sure he's gifted). He's overwhelmed by forums, but he's kickin' butt. #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **liInerdette:** @LesLinks I connected in MIA...didn't vacay. :-( Maybe another time! #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @eagledawg - Agree regarding many mis-perceptions! Say more! #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **GiftedJourney:** kathee in CO, parent of 3 (2 are in college now) -- 2 are 2e, advocate, past homeschooler, on #CAGT board and state advisory #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **eshwaranv:** I know quite a lot who use/used online learning from pre-k to grad. As far as I've seen, they've enjoyed the experience. #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **jofrei:** Q1 Younest son used Virtual School for the Gifted (closed now sadly) and Distance Ed and still learns various subjects online #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **ljconrad:** @LesLinks!!! Yea! Glad you're here! #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** I've taken several online courses. I love the flexibility and I prefer written discussion for some topics.#gtchat
- 11:11 pm **ljconrad:** @ginarau Wow! Congrats! #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: I'm in a completely online cohort for my grad school (Special Ed: Gifted & Talented). Kids utilize Renzulli & EPGY/big fan. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **LesLinks:** This is good too... <http://www.khanacademy.org/> Lots here to learn... #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **eshwaranv:** P.S. I'm an online science tutor myself :) #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedJourney - Glad you're here! #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **GiftedJourney:** Q1 lots of experience. k12, Connections Academy, ALEKS, EPGY, local school district's online, oldest son used com college online #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Sharon\_Drummond - I agree. Flexibility rocks. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **LesLinks:** @jofrei Ya Virtual School was a good program... you were lucky... #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks This is good too... <http://www.khanacademy.org/> Lots here to learn... #gtchat<= Yes! Excellent/almost forgot - thank you!
- 11:12 pm **eshwaranv:** That's a good one. Found it yesterday! --> RT @LesLinks: This is good too... <http://www.khanacademy.org/> Lots here to learn... #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Renzulli's program very good... #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **FrazzIld:** Q1: Very little experience: Ds did online CTYI course last year. Was excellent for what it was. Superb feedback given. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1 follow-up: For those of you with experience, what did you like most? #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **ljconrad:** @eshwaranv Oooo! Big todo in UK about online tutors! ;) #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **liInerdette:** @DeborahMersino Q1 It sounds like online learning can be sometimes be a lot to take in, w discussion forums, emails, postings, etc. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** How to Create Online Learning Environments for Gifted and Talented Learners by Mulrine (CEC) <http://bit.ly/c9DiKk> #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **eagledawg:** Q1 #gtchat distance ed misperceptions: Most are variations of fear of unknown and/or 1 bad teacher= ALL of no value. Not true of f2f either
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - What about UK online tutors? #gtchat

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- 11:14 pm **giaimojosephine:** Josephine Giaimo, introducing myself, catching up, experience designer and strategist, writer, advocate for the gifted in central NJ #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **GiftedJourney:** Q1 have been getting a lot of ads in the mail of online schools. can be a life-saver but only as good as the material and prof #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @eagledawg - Agree. I do miss live exchanges at times, but am getting accustomed to discussion boards. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **chrstinef:** @GiftedJourney I would agree with that...like most things! #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @giaimojosephine - So glad you joined us! We're discussing experiences with online learning. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino No, using online tutors in UK from other countries. Big controversy! Many don't want kids tutored by 'outsiders'. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** I probably spent more time in online format - but for me greater depth of learning because I could focus when it worked best for me #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **jofrei:** Q1 Follow up Loved the material was open ended and challenging loved the friends and mentors around the world (played email chess) #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **LesLinks:** Heres a Canadian one for College Credit AP courses....  
<http://www.ottawacarleton-school.ca/> #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Learning Online: A Viable Alternative for Gifted and Talented Students via @DukeTIP <http://bit.ly/aafuBP> #gtchat (disc. best practices)
- 11:16 pm **eshwaranv:** I enjoy the diversity in the tools and methods that can be employed for teaching. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **FrazzIId:** RT @DeborahMersino: @ljconrad - What about UK online tutors?/ Yeah...spill the beans!! #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **MaryStGeorge:** discussion boards are great for adults, but the people on them are abstract to young kids #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **GiftedJourney:** Q1 the ability to skip through material that was already known (which was WHY we were homeschooling) #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **ljconrad:** I believe online tutoring allows our kids to choose the best tutors available regardless of where they live. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **jofrei:** @eshwaranv yes, love interactive whiteboards etc! #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **eagledawg:** Q1 as online teacher I know no f2f nonverbal cues are difficult but I try to compensate w/varied learning resources (not all text) #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: What do you see as the potential benefits/disadvantages of online learning (whether by itself or integrated into classrooms?) #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedJourney Q1 I'd use online resources to hmschl if we could stand to be around each other that much! :( So afterschooling it is #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **eshwaranv:** @ljconrad Hmm... I'm able to see a rise in the number of UK students who are opting for online tutoring.. Esp. from Indian tutors #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @eagledawg - Good point about f2f verbal cues. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **ljconrad:** @eshwaranv Yep! BBC Worldnews reported this yesterday! #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **chrstinef:** Q2 - I think the benefits outweigh the disadvantages - That being said, I think we need to be careful about allowing kids... #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat q2 great for students in rural and isolated communities
- 11:18 pm **eshwaranv:** @jofrei That's one of the best parts in online tutoring. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **laughingatchaos:** Q2 Collaboration w/others like them. Finding a tribe. Resources not avail, like in sm rural schools. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **ljconrad:** @laughingatchaos lol #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **Les links:** @DeborahMersino Well. There are times when it is good to have a 'human' or



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**LESLinks:** @DeborahMersino Well, there are times when it is good to have a human or physical presence.. #gtchat

11:18 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Gifted Learning Links via Center for Talent Development at Northwestern (my alma mater!) <http://bit.ly/a8EHbb> #gtchat

11:18 pm

**chrstinef:** Q2 to regularly skip material they think they know...rather, we need to coach them how to probe material more deeply. #gtchat

11:19 pm

**chrstinef:** RT @LesLinks: @DeborahMersino Well, There are times when it is good to have a human or physical presence.. -> YEP #gtchat

11:19 pm

**DeborahMersino:** RT @MaryStGeorge #gtchat q2 great for students in rural and isolated communities<= Yes, so agree/especially 4 those w/o GT services.

11:19 pm

**MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat q2 can be great for offering choice and encouraging students to learn at their own level and articulate their own goals.

11:19 pm

**eshwaranv:** The only main disadvantage I could think of is f2f interaction. #gtchat

11:19 pm

**laughingatchaos:** Q2 Skype is making it easier for online learning w/a teacher. Starting to work w/music lessons. Great possibilities there! #gtchat

11:19 pm

**giaimojosephine:** Q1 I've taken a number of online courses, mostly technical, and they were all very good overall. Good facilitative skills are key. #gtchat

11:19 pm

**Sharon\_Drummond:** Q2: can connect with more people with similar interests or on more niche subjects. Don't need to rely on Geography. #gtchat

11:20 pm

**eagledawg:** Q1 #gtchat also lots of proactive communication & encouraging community w/in online class forums - challenging but possible! Look at us! ;)

11:20 pm

**laughingatchaos:** @eshwaranv Skype can really make up for f2f in a pinch #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Q2: My dds adore learning via EPGY/thriving...like it most when have GT facilitator present to address any challenges tho. #gtchat

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**chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos definitely! #gtchat

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**jofrei:** @ljconrad that was youngest's idea of ideal school lectures from world wide experts in subject of interest and level of ability #gtchat

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**ljconrad:** RT @laughingatchaos: Q2 Skype is making it easier for online learning w/a teacher. Great possibilities there! #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** On line learning can also b one of two things.. sometimes can b isolating/lonely.. other times it might b the road to socialisation #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - Great point about Skype. I do think we're in the infancy stages of online learning. The possibilities are potent! #gtchat

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**Susannewith3:** hi, late to the party! much online exp. got my masters through online program and many friends homeschool online through charters #gtchat

11:22 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Creating a virtual learning environment for gifted and talented learners via @DavidsonGifted Database <http://bit.ly/9Kpzlc> #gtchat

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**MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat gifted online is looking at other meeting software, but for rural and isolated, bandwidth issues are big

11:22 pm

**LesLinks:** @ljconrad The skype idea is fabulous... whole classes can interact with other classes in other countries.... and see each other cool #gtchat

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**GiftedJourney:** Q2 ben: skip tedium, time 4 passions disadv. sometimes online program/tutors are no better, missing a peer group except sibs #gtchat

11:22 pm

**laughingatchaos:** My boys Skype w/friends & fam. Helps keep us closer. Poss are endless in the future, as it gets better. High hopes, in classroom too #gtchat

11:22 pm

**Susannewith3:** @LesLinks esp for socially shy/outlier, easy way to ease into communicating with others #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @Susannewith3 - Glad you're here! We're discussing pros/cons of online learning experiences/potential. #gtchat

- 11:22 pm **ljconrad:** I have a whiteboard in my classroom. Working w/tech dept to get Skype set up! #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat if you use meeting software with great sound quality over low bandwidth, please share info
- 11:22 pm **LesLinks:** @Susannewith3 Howdy.... how's you? #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **teacher6th:** #gtchat reg & tag teacher. Lurk & learn
- 11:23 pm **laughingatchaos:** @MaryStGeorge Good point re: bandwidth. I think once that's addressed, more will fall into place for GT online learning #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad I have a whiteboard in my classroom. Working w/tech dept to get Skype set up! #gtchat<= Good for you!
- 11:23 pm **GiftedJourney:** we did our online learned a few years ago and I do think things/tech/awareness/options are improving at a rapid rate #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino thanks! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **eshwaranv:** Although a little painful on the purse, I've found Webex to be extremely effective when it comes to online learning. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **Susannewith3:** @LesLinks good, typing one handed :) #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @teacher6th #gtchat reg & tag teacher. Lurk & learn<= happy you're here!
- 11:23 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Q1 Many GHF members use online learning as part of their homeschool curriculum.
- 11:24 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino Guess who I want for my first guest? (hint - he lives in FL) #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **LesLinks:** @Susannewith3 I know how to do that too... #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **eshwaranv:** Anyway, I'm in the process of testing some open source whiteboards for online learning. Will share my results with you all. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q1 In the 1980s I was involved in distance learning, went to a teacher's conference in Springfield, MA, got a stony reception. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** Another resource: A to Z Teacher Stuff (lesson plans/worksheets) <http://atozteacherstuff.com/> #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF yes! online is big for many homeschoolers #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **jofrei:** Some great online course amongst the links in <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/webedind.htm> #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **ljconrad:** And my 2nd guest for gifted parents' grp? (she lives in CO & is working on her masters in gifted ed) #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **GiftedHF:** @MaryStGeorge Not always. There are plenty of online opps for kids -my teen PG dd has made huge strides in social skills via online #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad@DeborahMersino Guess who I want for my first guest? (hint - he lives in FL) #gtchat <= I should know, but don't! Who?!
- 11:25 pm **butwait:** Glad to be able to drop in to listen in on tonight's gifted & talented chat, even halfway through... #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **Susannewith3:** @giaimojosephine it is often still stoney with some, others are trying to jump in with two feet #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **GiftedJourney:** Love this idea! @LesLinks @ljconrad whole classes can interact with other classes in other countries.... and see each other cool #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **kellymccllymer:** #gtchat online learning can help match learners with the right material for them, no matter the age
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: Let's get specific about the benefits. What are some of the many uses/advantages? Let's go even deeper! #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **GiftedHF:** @laughingatchaos I like my kids better because they aren't busy trying to be

- 11:26 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Cybraryman1 I'm guessing.... #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: Some great online course amongst the links in <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/webbedind.htm> #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino 8-| hahaha #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Ijconrad - Audrey!! #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF True, but we butt heads on EVERYTHING some days! #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **LesLinks:** @GiftedJourney Oh yes.... there are already people doing it... kindergarden usa with one in Europe, or Korea.... #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **Ijconrad:** @LesLinks ding ding ding #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino discussion boards, when done right can yield a treasure trove of thought. prof must require considered responses #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino @Ijconrad Oh good grief you too! LOL #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino nope, but good thought! #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: Online learning can b more tailored 2 individual students than is possible in classroom. Higher-order thinking, differentiation. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino as in not 'i agree' in various forms #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **eshwaranv:** To be specific, blended learning is an advantage of online learning #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **Ijconrad:** @laughingatchaos :p #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @kellymcclymer #gtchat online learning can help match learners with the right material for them, no matter the age<= Exactly!
- 11:28 pm **GiftedJourney:** @GiftedHF agreed! never would have believed going in but homeschooling changed our whole family dynamic for the better #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino as long as there is a good facilitator. It ALWAYS comes down to teaching - whether online on IRL #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **Ijconrad:** Online learning would solve that nasty ability grouping thing! #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **LesLinks:** @GiftedJourney Skype can also be useful for 'Cyber cluster grouping' several gt kids in different schools working together inskype #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat advantages of my programme include upskilling rural teachers in gifted ed alongside their enrolled students
- 11:28 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Q3 Funny, had that same conversation recently, but not re GT, but charter school learning! #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: @GiftedHF True, but we butt heads on EVERYTHING some days! #gtchat <-- try duct tape and ear plugs
- 11:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @eshwaranv To be specific, blended learning is an advantage of online learning #gtchat <= Yes, can you say more?
- 11:29 pm **eagledawg:** Q3 #gtchat: benefits include access to information, instructors & peers internationally. Can be less time/\$ vs. travel to f2f sessions.
- 11:29 pm **butwait:** Q3: Online learning can support asynchronous elements, allowing learners to collaborate across schedules & time zones. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedJourney @GiftedHF I would hmschl, but have had therapists STRONGLY DISCOURAGE me LOL #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **giaimojosephine:** @Ijconrad I think that the role of a tutor is very different, in the UK, compared to other countries, in UK it's more common, e.g. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **LesLinks:** @Ijconrad dong?? #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @Ijconrad: Online learning would solve that nasty ability grouping thing! #gtchat

- 11:29 pm **jofrei:** @MaryStGeorge Online is brilliant for PD for rural people! #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **GiftedHF:** Yup! Funny that. RT @GiftedJourney: agreed! never would have believed but homeschooling changed our whole family dynamic for better #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **GiftedJourney:** @LesLinks re skype what a great idea! #gtchat
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- 11:30 pm **Susannewith3:** Q3 also the supplementals can give intense depth to courses, since its on different time, not just 50 minutes/1 hr #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF On them? Dude, I'm on it! ;) #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @eagledawg: Q3 #gtchat: benefits include access to information, instructors & peers internationally. Can be less time/\$ vs. travel to f2f sessions.
- 11:30 pm **ljconrad:** @LesLinks ding ding ding = correct! :) #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **GiftedHF:** @laughingatchaos S'OK. It's not for everyone. Personally, I'm afraid of the big bad bureaucrats in schools. :- ) #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** @butwait - Welcome. Excellent point! #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **GiftedHF:** Yes, exactly!! RT @laughingatchaos: @GiftedHF On them? Dude, I'm on it! ;) #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **LesLinks:** @GiftedHF Oh yes... the duck tape... :- ) #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **eshwaranv:** @DeborahMersino Inclusion of animations and graphical representation stimulates better understanding and retention of concepts. #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **chrstinef:** @GiftedHF haha! They aren't all bad...:D #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat online learning is flexible by nature and kids believe you when you say "You can learn this and express it any way that challenges"
- 11:31 pm **Susannewith3:** @GiftedHF it is not for everyone, but i cannot imagine public schooling. \*shivers\* #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad Oh dear.... I knew that.. was just kidding with you... #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: Instant info access 4 Independent/Project-Based Learning. Can expose students to new places/ppl/museums/cultures. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **eagledawg:** @laughingatchaos you'd think that but, sadly, group work is often serious challenge in distance ed. One of few things I hate abt it #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q1 teachers can model and facilitate nonverbal cues, use emoticons \*G\* (smile) (grin) :P etc. , also teach Netiquette, important #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @butwait: Q3: Online learning can support asynchronous elements, allowing learners to collaborate across schedules & time zones. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **ljconrad:** Online learning very cost effective. Should be easy sell to financially strapped school districts. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **Susannewith3:** @eshwaranv yes, and you can use audial, hands on learning too...reaching several types of learners. good stuff #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** Q3: on a message board, stdnts can easily link related vid, text, etc. Students more encouraged to share with each other than f2f. #gtchat
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- 11:32 pm **LesLinks:** @eshwaranv Ya..... the ability to u include all the 'visual' and graphic representation of information is really beneficial..... #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **ljconrad:** @LesLinks :) Sure did miss you last couple days. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF I'm on the BOD for a charter school. Now \*I'm\* the bureaucrat.

LOL #gtchat

- 11:32 pm **deepwaterscoach**: RT @ljconrad: Online learning very cost effective. Should be easy sell to financially strapped school districts. #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino**: @MaryStGeorge - Love that...yes, online learning is flexible and can truly support different learning styles/project preferences! #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **jofrei**: RT @ljconrad: Online learning would solve that nasty ability grouping thing! True! #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **Susannewith3**: @ljconrad yes! very inexpensive #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino**: @ljconrad - Yes, EPGY is only \$129 or so per student in our district. POWERFUL return! #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **laughingatchaos**: I need 2 give up multitasking. Gonna burn down the house cooking dinner and chatting some Friday! LOL #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **GiftedHF**: @eagledawg #gtchat Depends on how you do groups online. I <3 Google Docs. My dd and her BFF collaborate on writing from 850 miles apart!
- 11:34 pm **Susannewith3**: @laughingatchaos ha! you're 'the man!' #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **chrstinef**: @GiftedHF bwahahaha! #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **mygiftedgirl**: Wish I could chat more on #gtchat but dd8 (going to be dd9 tomorrow) has a project due Monday.
- 11:34 pm **GiftedHF**: RT @laughingatchaos: @GiftedHF I'm on the BOD for a charter school. Now \*I'm\* the bureaucrat. LOL #gtchat <- running away, screaming!
- 11:34 pm **chrstinef**: @laughingatchaos hahaha #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **giaimojosephine**: Q2 How is my biology teacher going to check my lab work when I dissect my frog if my class is online? How can I do my GEW chem labs? #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **laughingatchaos**: @Susannewith3 LOL! With a plan...to make a difference! :) #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **eshwaranv**: Compared to traditional dist ed, online learning makes group work and collaborative effort easier. Learning is enhanced. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **ljconrad**: @DeborahMersino Whoa! Will be bringing that up with our school district! #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **DeborahMersino**: Yes, for visual-spatial learners - it can be powerful to find meaningful/relevant visual images/videos/graphic representations. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **laughingatchaos**: @GiftedHF <blowing kisses> LOL! I don't bite, promise! ;) #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **Susannewith3**: @laughingatchaos good plan #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **eshwaranv**: RT @DeborahMersino: Q3: Instant info access 4 Independent/Project-Based Learning. Can expose students to new places/ppl/museums/cultures. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **laughingatchaos**: @giaimojosephine Virtual frog dissections are becoming more common #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **butwait**: @DeborahMersino Thx! Tech-intensive learning also helps us remember what it feels like 2 be beginners. (paraphrasing @SarahWessling) #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **MaryStGeorge**: #gtchat and I believe the feedback must still be personalised for gt kids.
- 11:35 pm **GiftedJourney**: @laughingatchaos Just put a prozac lick by the door... I installed that WAY before homeschooling ;) #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **GiftedHF**: RT @laughingatchaos: @GiftedHF <blowing kisses> LOL! I don't bite, promise! ;) #gtchat <- <cowering in fear>
- 11:35 pm **ljconrad**: @DeborahMersino Still can't figure out my dream guest for gifted parents? #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **jofrei**: Sorry I'm not keeping up very well - what was Q3? #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **deepwaterscoach**: RT @laughingatchaos: @giaimojosephine Virtual frog dissections r becoming

more common//Thank God 4 those of us w/ high sensitivity! #gtchat

- 11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: Eduscapes offers virtual Museum tours. (Haven't personally done this but have heard excellent reviews). #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad me.... I miss you too... just awkward here... but trying..... have to leave in 10 minutes ;-( #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **Susanewith3:** @giaimojosephine video, remote labs, agreements with local colleges, virtual labs, etc. a plethora of ways! #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedJourney I'm looking into streaming Prozac into our water supply ;) #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **GiftedHF:** Excellent! RT @GiftedJourney: @laughingatchaos Just put a prozac lick by the door... I installed that WAY before homeschooling ;) #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **ljconrad:** @laughingatchaos Not what I heard! #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - ??? #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **laughingatchaos:** @deepwaterscoach Yeah, barely made it through that in HS. My mom did a cat in HS; I wouldn't have survived that #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **GiftedHF:** @giaimojosephine That's what laptop cameras are for :- ) #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **eagledawg:** @GiftedHF oh there are great tools! But w/out f2f interpersonal it's hard to tell who honestly has access issues vs. slackers ;) #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos bwahahahahaha #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - Agreed regarding sensitivities...my dd would faint or protest - LOL #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **laughingatchaos:** @ljconrad Bwahahahahaha!!! #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **Susanewith3:** @GiftedHF yes! even cheap ones have em now! #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **GiftedHF:** #gtchat Another benefit to online learning: if you blow up the lab, the rest of the chem class is safe at home!
- 11:37 pm **butwait:** @jofrei (waves) Hi, Jo! Q3 was something like, What are some of the many uses/advantages of online learning? Let's go even deeper... #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **giaimojosephine:** @Susanewith3 It's great to see how much things have changed! I'm looking forward to more change in this arena. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach Virtual medical things such as organs and hip replacements and such for budding doctors.... #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Wish I was kidding, Christine! LOL #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF Hm. Is there an insurance rider for that? ;) #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **Susanewith3:** @GiftedHF hahahaha! true, true, true! #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **eshwaranv:** @giaimojosephine That's one disadvantage in online learning. A virtual dissection is nothing close to a live one. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos next book...virtual prozac! #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **eagledawg:** @GiftedHF @MaryStGeorge can you tell who has had online group work with the slackers? ;) I try to avoid that as a teacher too. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino \*I\* got sick 2 my stomach! & so has my son...& kids feel badly when they can't do their assignments. Good 4 online! #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **ljconrad:** RT @chrstinef: @laughingatchaos next book...virtual prozac! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @chrstinef: @laughingatchaos next book...virtual prozac!!/LOL! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **Susanewith3:** @giaimojosephine hubby is in university system, all departments are working on it! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q4: How do envision online learning evolving? Put on your ideation hats now... #gtchat

- 11:39 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Same here that is why, although all (in school) wanted ds to pursue med school... he wouldn't cause doesn'tlikeblood #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **GiftedJourney:** there are a lot of engineering programs online too #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q3 Students from all over the world can collect water samples and test them for pH etc, pool their data globally. What a concept! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **Susannewith3:** @eshwaranv there are some vividly real ones, all the look and no frogs have to be killed! #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **GiftedHF:** #gtchat Online resources: We have quite a few online learning suggestions here: <http://tinyurl.com/3yuvdyn> #gifted #homeschool
- 11:39 pm **MaryStGeorge:** @eagledawg are you asking about motivating children you have never met? agreed - very hard! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **laughingatchaos:** @christinef Ooh, Virtual Prozac...I may have a tag line! LOL #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @LesLinks Yes, let them see if they're interested in medicine--THEN let them experience the formaldehyde! LOL! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: I'm backtracking for one moment...would love to see #Blackboard evolve...be more user-friendly. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **Ijconrad:** Technology will drive innovation in online learning! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q3: Online learning can b more tailored 2 individual students than is possible in classroom. Higher-order thinking, differentiation. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach Hahahhhah..... oh ya.... virtual prozac.... #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **christinef:** @laughingatchaos bwahahahaha....we KNOW that won't work!!! ;) #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino and not crash all the time :P #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **GiftedJourney:** @GiftedHF or cooking for chemistry and math purposes #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **GiftedHF:** @eagledawg That's one thing I like about #homeschool - self-selected learners/participants. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @giaimojosephine - Amazing! love it. global learning/collaboration online. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **jofrei:** @butwait (waves back) Thanks! Q3 Advantages real worldwide mentors and audience #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **Susannewith3:** @Ijconrad agreed, change is a comin! #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **eshwaranv:** @Susannewith3 Although I don't support animal sacrifice. But such expts must be felt by hand to understand the technique. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **MaryStGeorge:** q4 #gtchat our evolution is more towards facilitating the local school in meeting the needs of our youngest - dist hard for them
- 11:41 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q3 distance learning is flexible, transcending time, space, geographic considerations, also accessibility/disability issues! #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **eshwaranv:** @Susannewith3 It's great as a classroom supplement. But not as a lab supplement #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **laughingatchaos:** Q4: Ooh, dreaming. Laptop on every lap. Differentiated inst. for each kid w/tech. Online/instant resources. #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach @DeborahMersino.... sadly, I must depart.... but perhaps back a little later... ;-( Love you all.. #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **Susannewith3:** @eshwaranv disagree, maybe for premed, but not for someone going into humanities! #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **MaryStGeorge:** q4 #gtchat our evolution to 8yo and up is to more multidimensional synchronous communication - shared docs, voice etc, bandwidth probs tho

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

11:42 pm

**GiftedHF:** @eshwarav #gtchat But not every student needs a live dissection as part of their learning. For the majority of students, virtual is fine.

11:42 pm

**Susanewith3:** @LesLinks give everyone my love! #gtchat

11:42 pm

**Ijconrad:** #gtchat has been a form of online learning for me! Wish students would figure it out. Forget FB. Instant learning on Twitter. #gtchat

11:42 pm

**ColinTGraham:** For maths, I'd recommend several sources: Wolfram|Alpha <http://bit.ly/18T9rT> NLVM <http://bit.ly/aNcaQ2> GeoGebra <http://bit.ly/cQoxAI> #gtchat

11:42 pm

**chrstinef:** @LesLinks love ya too! #gtchat

11:42 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Q4: I'm just learning about Renzulli. DDs came home w/profiles. Oldest's ideal learning environ: online learning/indepe. projects! #gtchat

11:42 pm

**GiftedJourney:** @MaryStGeorge what do you think is hardest? #gtchat

11:42 pm

**mygiftedgirl:** RT @laughingatchaos: Q4: Ooh, dreaming. Laptop on every lap. Differentiated inst. for each kid w/tech. Online/instant resources. #gtchat

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**laughingatchaos:** Q4: Far-flung mentors. Collaborations w/experts. Tech. as supplement, not as THE BE ALL END ALL. #gtchat

11:43 pm

**laughingatchaos:** Q4: Can you tell I've been doing a LOT of thinking on this one lately? LOL #gtchat

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**mygiftedgirl:** @laughingatchaos Briefly checking in... and Amen to that! #gtchat

11:43 pm

**eagledawg:** @MaryStGeorge was thinking of college+ age but agree the challenges are greater for K-12! #gtchat

11:43 pm

**LesLinks:** @Susanewith3 Ya I willl..... back later.... #gtchat

11:43 pm

**teacher6th:** RT @mygiftedgirl: Q4: Ooh, dreaming. Laptop on every lap. Differentiated inst. for each kid w/tech. Online/instant resources. #gtchat

11:43 pm

**DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Miss you!! Hope to connect soon. #gtchat

11:43 pm

**deepwaterscoach:** @LesLinks \*sniff\* bye... \*waving, w/ tear in eye\* #gtchat

11:43 pm

**chrstinef:** Q4 While I love the idea of meeting kids unique learning styles..I also think we ned to help kids funciton in multiple styles... #gtchat

11:43 pm

**GiftedJourney:** @Ijconrad because you are engaged and w/peers #gtchat

11:43 pm

**butwait:** Q4: Every learner enouraged to discover, explore, & deepen their gifts. Also, what @laughingatchaos said! :- ) #gtchat

11:43 pm

**ColinTGraham:** The advantage of online manipulatives for maths is getting students to create their own after exploration can deepen understanding #gtchat

11:44 pm

**MaryStGeorge:** @GiftedJourney creating a shared culture of how to learn in depth and collaborate online when nobody has met each other #gtchat

11:44 pm

**chrstinef:** Q4 Effective balance and collaboratin between f2f and online can do that #gtchat

11:44 pm

**laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino DS9 has been doing Renzulli at school. He had the same profile! #gtchat

11:44 pm

**GiftedHF:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q4: I'm just learning about Renzulli. #gtchat <- I know this makes me unpopular, but I think Renzulli is WAY too rigid.

11:44 pm

**MaryStGeorge:** @eagledawg our eldest students are currently 13 #gtchat

11:45 pm

**eagledawg:** Q4 #gtchat greatly improved tech access; still a barrier for many due to location & income. Can only envision tech platform of future!

11:45 pm

**Frazzlld:** Just to set the record straight...You need more than virtual learning before you get let loose on a real human! #gtchat

11:45 pm

**Ijconrad:** @GiftedJourney 'peers' is the operative word there. This chat is like a life line! #gtchat

11:45 pm

**laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Mult. learning styles in what way? #gtchat



- 11:45 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q3 yes, visual-spatial learners can take advantage of the visual resources on the net, and use software to represent their visuals #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **GiftedHF:** @eshwaranv #gtchat So for the ones who do need hands on, you find a different solution. The point is not exclusive online but as a resource.
- 11:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - How wild! She adores looking things up online. Discovered tribal cultures in Africa/spend hours upon hours...#gtchat
- 11:46 pm **chrstinef:** @Frazzlld THANK YOU! Was thinking the same thing... #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** I don't know if I could have embraced online learning if I hadn't already participated in message boards socially #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **MaryStGeorge:** @GiftedHF from what I have heard the online renzulli stuff is surprisingly rigid #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **Susannewith3:** @Frazzlld agreed :) #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos Those who learn best through projects MUST learn to work with deadlines as well in order to function. #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **jofrei:** RT @ljconrad: @GiftedJourney peers is the operative word there. This chat is like a life line! So true! #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **GiftedJourney:** @MaryStGeorge would the skype stuff help that? or some f2f? some guided group online projects? #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Guess what he's doing RIGHT NOW? Both of them on the computer. #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **ljconrad:** @Frazzlld Absolutely! But at exploratory level ... deciding on a career ... it is helpful. #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos Always about balance. #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat ours is very flexible, sample lesson at <http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz/WebSpace/214/> for kids age 6-13
- 11:47 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @MaryStGeorge: from what I have heard the online renzulli stuff is surprisingly rigid #gtchat <- I could live w/o his theories.
- 11:47 pm **Dazzlld:** @Frazzlld Let's hope so!! #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **ColinTGraham:** @Frazzlld Virtual learning also does not always replace the feeling of working with physical objects, either... LEGO, origami, paint #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **Susannewith3:** @Frazzlld but if you never plan on touching a human... :) #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **eshwaranv:** @GiftedHF I mentioned this because, dissections are now banned in Indian schools. All students are forced to VL. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **eagledawg:** Q4 effective pre-assessment tools (I use some while teaching CEs) to help customize student online learning experience to meet needs #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Agreed. Something we're working on w/DS9. I'm pushing 4 accommodations AND deadlines. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos expanding multiple skills! #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef There's that balance word again. ;) #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **MaryStGeorge:** @GiftedJourney skype, dimdim etc really do help amazingly, having started without them and brought them in myself #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **giaimojosephine:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat ... if you blow up the lab, the rest of the chem class is safe at home! BOO HOO! What fun is that? #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **GiftedHF:** @eshwaranv Yeah, that's a different issue. I'm not big on killing random animals, so it's not really on my radar. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q5: How can we BEST support learners? What would an ideal environ look like? #gtchat

- 11:48 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef While supporting the skills that works best for him? #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos Ha! Yep - must learn to function in the world, with people...deadlines...and those who will not care that they ... #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **Susanewith3:** @eshwaranv i'd be okay with students waiting till university level #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos have unique needs #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld @chrstinef - Say more regarding need for f2f... #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat caution on deadlines - they can be the enemies of true depth of learning and true personalisation of expression
- 11:49 pm **GiftedHF:** @giaimojosephine #gtchat It's a lot of fun if you would have to pay for liability, plus cleanup, in a classroom!
- 11:49 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos yes.....so he can be autonomous in his learning (eventually) #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **Susanewith3:** @DeborahMersino multiple streams of same info/depth. video, chat, discussion, articles, learning something with every turn #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Gah. Good point! Learned that in music; no one cares about your day, they just want you to do your job well. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **chrstinef:** @MaryStGeorge yes they can....but there needs to be a balance #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino I love you, too :- ) #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat q5 it would look like something that needs a lot of bandwidth and occasional face-to-face contact!
- 11:50 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef If we don't kill his love of learning in the process. What I stay up nights worrying about... #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos yep! #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @eagledawg - Assessments, when used correctly, can be so powerful/help #gifted move forward w/o repeating what they know. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **eshwaranv:** @Susanewith3 Me too. However, some students do insist that they would like to see them for real. A very few although #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **ColinTGraham:** Q5) I keep coming back to @gcouros's Learner Centered PLE <http://bit.ly/dlHMqX> #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q4 Parents will demand GT IEPs and their children will use online learning so the schools can save money. Children will benefit! #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Susanewith3: @DeborahMersino multiple streams of same info/depth. video, chat, discussion, articles, learning something with every turn #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **jofrei:** Great for disengaged gifted and 2E - PLIESE projects <http://pliese.com.au/PLIESE/Welcome%21.html> #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos that's where the flexibility needs to come in like we talked about last week #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **eshwaranv:** Yes → RT @MaryStGeorge: #gtchat q5 it would look like something that needs a lot of bandwidth and occasional face-to-face contact!
- 11:51 pm **MaryStGeorge:** @DeborahMersino agreed about assessment in moving children forward, even quality guided self-assessment #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ColinTGraham - Look forward to checking it out. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @jofrei: Great for disengaged gifted and 2E - PLIESE projects <http://pliese.com.au/PLIESE/Welcome%21.html>/Hm. We might need this! #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **FrazzIld:** @DeborahMersino I wasn't thinking f2f, more the need for the feel of hands-on for surgeons. But f2f skills important for docs too. #gtchat

- 11:51 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Ack, working on flexibility w/him. LOOONG process. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **ljconrad:** @jofrei I LOVE PLIESE! Read all I can about this program! #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **chrstinef:** RT @MaryStGeorge: @DeborahMersino agreed about assessment in moving children forward, even quality guided self-assessment--> yep! #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **eshwaranv:** Testing can be taken to a new level via online learning #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **MaryStGeorge:** #gtchat the goals have to be as high as face to face or any perceived economy is delusion
- 11:52 pm **GiftedJourney:** kids need to be mentored in HOW to address deadlines. we expect them to know HOW to break things down (madness for a global thinker) #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **Susannewith3:** @Frazzlld yes, at some point some things must be felt #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Susannewith3 - love it. I see online tutorials (in some subj)/videos/Promethean boards/Skype w/other countries/GT students... #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @eshwaranv: Yes -> RT @MaryStGeorge: #gtchat q5 it would look like something that needs a lot of bandwidth and occasional face-to-face contact!
- 11:53 pm **iearnusa:** Indeed! <http://bit.ly/9H3dfO> Students worldwide can collect water samples & test them , pool their data #gtchat Via @giaimojosephine
- 11:53 pm **MaryStGeorge:** @ljconrad what is pliese? #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **chrstinef:** @GiftedJourney yes yes yes yes! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **ColinTGraham:** Re testing and assessment - Testing, the Chinese Way - NYTimes.com <http://nyti.ms/9yKwvf> shows an interesting student viewpoint #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **GiftedHF:** Yes! MT @GiftedJourney: kids need to be mentored in HOW to address deadlines, HOW to break things down (madness for global thinker) #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - I get it now/completely missed the topic first time around/sorry! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **giaimojosephine:** Q4 Have any of you seen the XOXO One Child, One Laptop (?) efforts--some really great global success stories! Kids love those! #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **ljconrad:** RT @GiftedJourney: kids need to be mentored in HOW to address deadlines. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **Susannewith3:** @DeborahMersino yes, its the kitchen sink method! lol. if you throw everything at them something has to stick! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedJourney YES! Planning is HUGE, & a prob for kids w/ exec func issues. Must be TAUGHT how to do it, step by step! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedJourney - Yes, even with online learning, supporting affective needs (setting deadlines) so important/hard/need guidance. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **Frazzlld:** I don't think anyone is advocating online as the total package. More supplementary. Human f2f contact is vital to us all #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **Susannewith3:** @giaimojosephine yes! love that! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** @ljconrad PLIESE looks great! I hadn't seen it before. Bookmarked for later! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **ljconrad:** @MaryStGeorge Aussie program started by 2 young educators! Google them! They are on Twitter, also. PBL! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **chrstinef:** @Frazzlld Balance of both can bring HUGE support to all learners, including GT #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **giaimojosephine:** @DeborahMersino Renzulli's eval sounds like it has some overlap with Dudley Lynch's Brain-Mapping, learning strategies, etc. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **MaryStGeorge:** @ljconrad thanks will look - know of three aussie online programmes, 2 in nsw 1 in WA #gtchat

- 11:56 pm **thehappy peasant:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat Another benefit to online learning: if you blow up the lab, the rest of the chem class is safe at home!
- 11:56 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @ColinTGraham: Re testing and assessment - Testing, the Chinese Way - NYTimes.com <http://nyti.ms/9yKwfw> shows an interesting student viewpoint #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **jofrei:** Recent Reform Symposium made wonderful use of Elluminate for world wide collaboration Can still view at <http://reformsymposium.com/> #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @chrstinef: @FrazzIld Balance of both can bring HUGE support to all learners, including GT/ I agree #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **MaryStGeorge:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat Another benefit to online learning: if you blow up the lab, the rest of the chem class is safe at home!
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** All right, I'm thinking "Supporting Gifted Students w/ Planning/Deadlines" needs to be a future #gtchat topic. What do you think?
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- 11:57 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Prob tie in w/exec func issues too. Yup, good topic idea #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final thoughts everyone? I certainly appreciate LEARNING ONLINE WITH YOU! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino yep - teaching executive functioning to GT! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DazzIld:** We all have online access, but it is not the norm for many families, and even schools, in Ireland. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **butwait:** @MaryStGeorge PLIESE = Passionate educators igniting passion for learning (<http://pliese.com.au/PLIESE/Welcome!.html>) via @jofrei #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **eshwaranv:** @DeborahMersino Good idea. Would love to discuss that. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **MaryStGeorge:** @DeborahMersino support with deadlines / planning / exec function is a great chat idea, agreed #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos Jinx! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino haha Supporting gifted (adults, too) w/deadlines, planning! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **FrazzIld:** @DeborahMersino Certainly one on support with executive skills would be good #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **laughingatchaos:** I think online learning is just going to get more prevalent. We need to stay on the cutting edge for our GT kids! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos We've been hanging out too much lately! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **GiftedHF:** @thehappy peasant #gtchat Humor is a critical tool in #homeschool
- 11:58 pm **laughingatchaos:** I think GT kids will benefit SO MUCH from online learning and supplementation. #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** One more resource: <http://www.inacol.org/> #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **MaryStGeorge:** @jofrei I did some reading about eluminate, thanks for that #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **GiftedJourney:** @chrstinef because I think it "comes online" later... #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino Prob tie in w/exec func issues too. Yup, good topic idea #gtchat <- I agree.
- 11:59 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @laughingatchaos: Online learning is going to get more prevalent. Need to stay on cutting edge for our GT kids!??& they love it #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Ya owe me a Coke! LOL #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: One more resource: <http://www.inacol.org/> #atchat

- 11:59 pm **Sharon\_Drummond:** diff. stdnts will need different types of online learning environments - just like they need diff. classroom teaching styles! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef And there's NOTHING wrong with that! LOL : ) #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DazzlId - Understand re access...we're fortunate/still have long ways to go. Do believe its the future though. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino This is the fastest and most wonderful hour of my week!!! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Ijconrad: @DeborahMersino haha Supporting gifted (adults, too) w/deadlines, planning!//Yes! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos If I come out in June for a signing, its a deal! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **FrazzId:** @DeborahMersino Final thoughts?: I have a lot of links to follow up on after this chat! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **Ijconrad:** @chrstinef :p #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **chrstinef:** @GiftedJourney :D #gtchat