

What Is Giftedness?



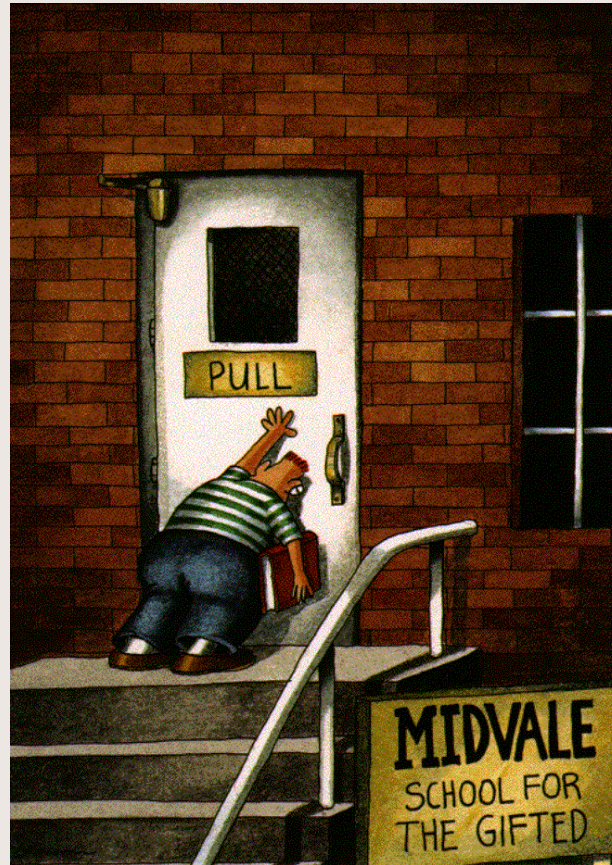
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Guiding Questions

- Who are our gifted children?
- What does it mean to be gifted or creative?
- How can we best meet the needs of gifted children in the 21st century?

What it means (and does not mean) to be gifted




Giftedness Defined

- Traditional Definition
 - IQ > 130 (measures include tasks related to memory, general knowledge, mental rotation tasks, vocabulary)
 - Top 3% of Population
 - Superior mental ability requiring differentiated instruction/curriculum



Characteristics of Giftedness- Cognitive

- Alertness
- Faster pace of reading developmental milestones
- Advanced vocabulary
- Sustained attention
- Excellent memory
- Creativity
- May be an early reader

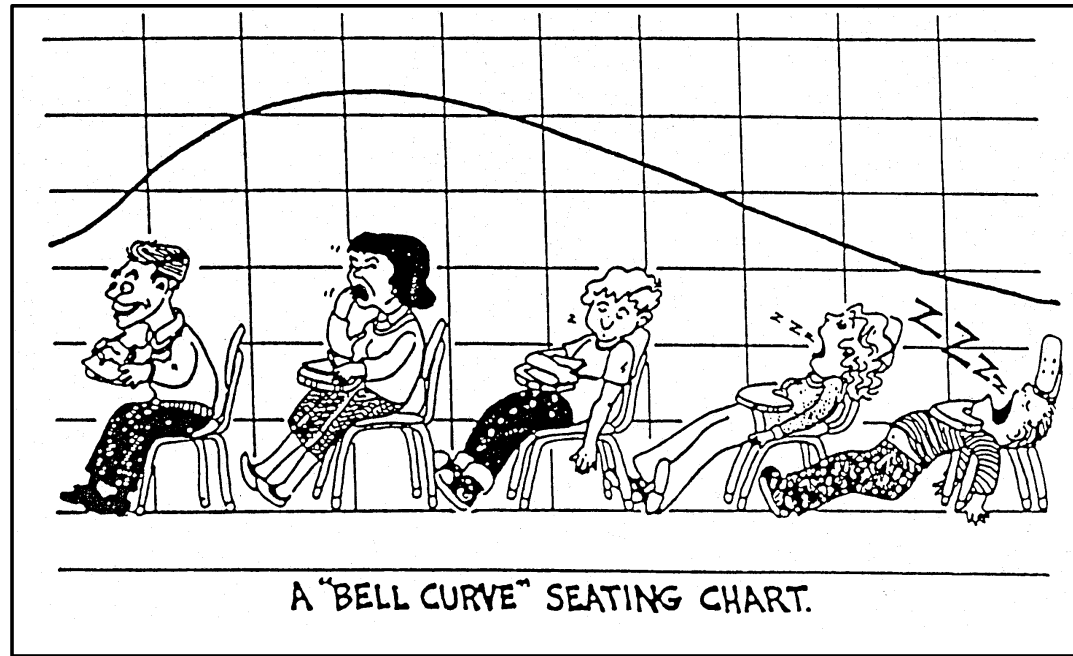


Characteristics of Giftedness-

Social/Emotional

- Early development of empathy
- Emotional intensity and sensitivity
- Frustrations with limitations
- Perfectionism
- Leader during cooperative play
- Overexcitabilities

Why Gifted Children Need Us



From *Get Off My Brain*, by Randy McCutcheon, illustrated by Pete Wagner

Possible areas of challenge-

- Emotional Sensitivity
- Peer struggles
- Perfectionism
- Asynchronous development
 - May be advanced in one or more areas and behind in another
- Underachievement
- Anxiety and depression

How To Help Our Gifted Learners- Paperclip Activity



Creativity- 21st Century

- Activity Application
- Who had the most:
- Responses: FLUENCY
- Unusual responses: ORIGINALITY
- Detailed responses: ELABORATION
- Categories of responses: FLEXIBILITY

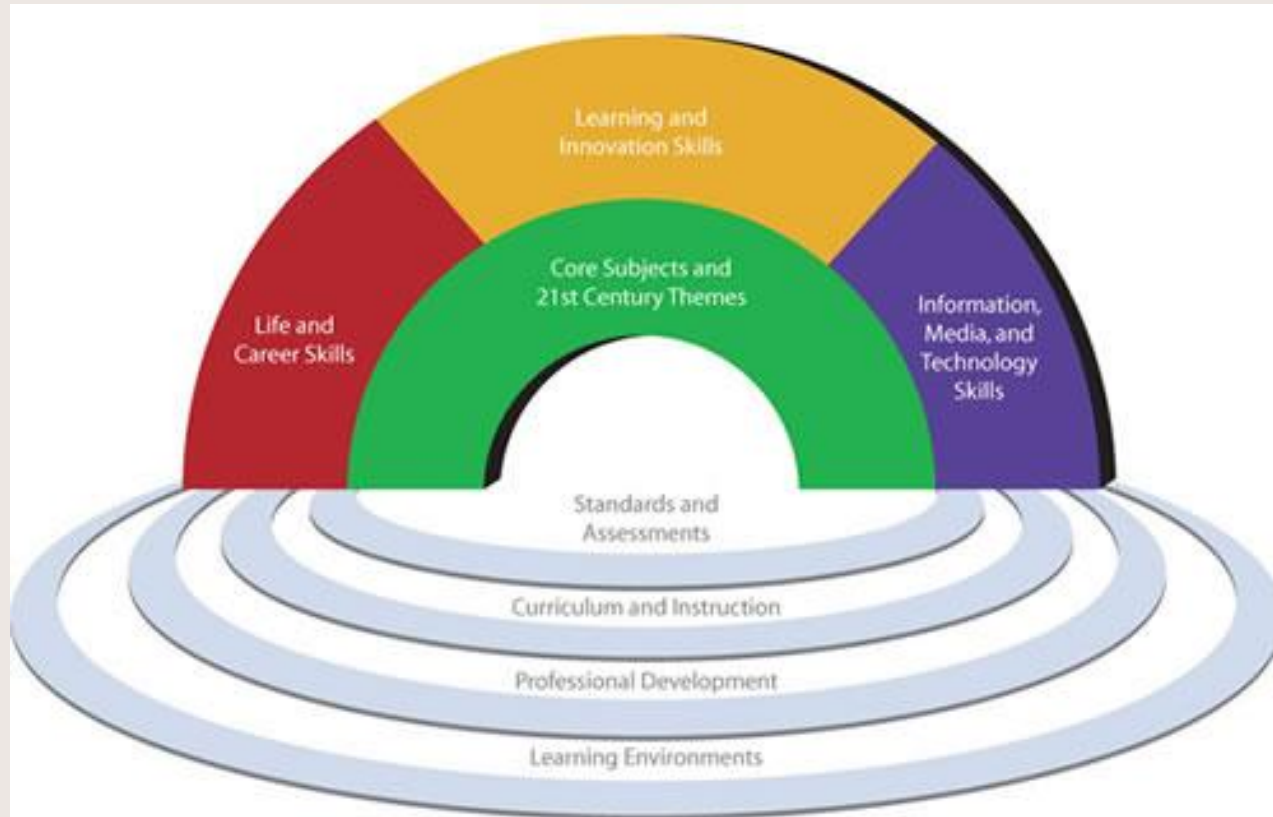
Why Creativity?

- The creating mind seeks to remain at least one
- step ahead of the most sophisticated computers
- and robots. Individuals without creating capacities will be replaced with computers.
- New world problems!

Why We Need Gifted Children

- For the past decade we have worked to close the achievement gap between the lowest and highest performing students, but have not focused much effort on the demand for advanced skill sets (www.p21.org)
- We need our most gifted and talented citizens to help lead us into our future.

21st Century Skills



Programs / Services

- For Children—
- Mentors
- Community Enrichment Programs
- Weekend Programs
- Online Learning Communities
- **Programs that place students with peers of similar ability and interests will be beneficial for development**

Programs / Services

- For Parents- Advocacy, Education, and Support Groups
- Web Resources:
- www.sengifted.org
- <http://www.gifteddevelopment.com/>
- http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/young_childr_en.html
- <http://www.nagc.org/>

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