

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

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Parent resources to support gifted children are plentiful and can be most enlightening. All family members can be educated as to how GATE children learn, how they feel, and where each can look to find research articles and activities to extend the learning process at home. Peruse the following websites to gain a better understanding of the gifted and talented learner:

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GIFTED CHILDREN ~ [www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org)**

Parents can find resources, articles, help and advice on raising an exceptional child through this organization. The NAGC has the most resources available for exceptional learners.

#### **ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF GIFTED CHILDREN ~ [www.iagc.org](http://www.iagc.org)**

The IAGC is a state organization for gifted students. Parents can join and attend special events within the state through this group.

#### **SENG (SUPPORTING EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF THE GIFTED)**

[www.sengifted.org/about-seng](http://www.sengifted.org/about-seng)

This organization helps to ensure that all stakeholders accept and nurture gifted and talented learners.

### **ARTICLES**

#### **“48 ESSENTIAL LINKS FOR THE PARENTS OF GIFTED CHILDREN”**

[www.oedb.org/librarian/50-essential-links-for-the-parents-of-gifted-children/](http://www.oedb.org/librarian/50-essential-links-for-the-parents-of-gifted-children/)

This article, located on the above mentioned website, offers explanations of all organizations, Twitter feeds, Blogs, Resources, and other articles to read. The article at the end of the list, “**TOP 10 MYTHS IN GIFTED EDUCATION**”, is a must read.

#### **“RECOMMENDED READINGS ON FRIENDSHIP” - [www.davidsongifted.org/Search-Database/entry/AI0285](http://www.davidsongifted.org/Search-Database/entry/AI0285)**

One of the most important aspects of gifted and talented learning for parents is the social and emotional needs of your child. This is an excellent article that emphasizes many perspectives on friendships and how they are perceived by the gifted and talented learner.

## **RESOURCES**

### **HOAGIES GIFTED ~ [www.hoagiesgifted.org](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org)**

This site offers resources, articles, books, and links to help support parents of gifted education. You can even take **GIFTED 101 ~ A GUIDE TO 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME VISITORS AND GIFTED 102 ~ THE NEXT STEPS: ACRONYMS, TERMS, ETC.** Both of these courses are free and very informative.

### **GIFTED CHILD TODAY ~ [www.journals-sagepub-com.home/gct](http://www.journals-sagepub-com.home/gct)**

This open-access journal is a parent-friendly read of gifted and talented information and resources.

### **GIFTED CHILD QUARTERLY ~ [www.journals-sagepub-com.home/gcq](http://www.journals-sagepub-com.home/gcq)**

This open-access journal is a scholarly read of gifted and talented information and resources.

## **MEDIA**

### **I AM GIFTED ~ [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Omx\\_iLtMjZA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Omx_iLtMjZA)**

This video expresses a visual definition of what the common traits are of gifted and talented learners. Preview this montage and perhaps play it for your family members. They can view it and look to see how many traits apply to themselves.

## **CENTER FOR TALENT DEVELOPMENT/NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PSAT 8/9 TESTING AND SAT TESTING**

Northwestern University - Center for Talent Development - [www.ctd.northwestern.edu](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu)  
The Center for Talent Development (CTD) at Northwestern University exists to serve the gifted community. As a non-profit center within the School of Education and Social Policy, CTD ensures gifted students receive the education, encouragement and support they need to grow into confident and accomplished lifelong learners. Visit this site and click on the Resources tab where you will find CTD research, gifted resources, newsletters, conference and seminars, an education program guide, and ESSA updates. Then, look into the Courses tab to find courses that students might be interested in taking.

Elementary School District 159 recognizes the importance of PSAT 8/9 and SAT testing for our students from grades 3 through 8. We partner with Northwestern University NUMATS (Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search) each year. Grades 3 - 6 take the PSAT 8/9 test and grades 7 and 8 take the SAT. We no longer take the ACT, as the State of Illinois no longer recognizes that test at the high school level. Please take a registration form and NUMATS Family Handbook to become familiar with the testing process. If interested, registration forms must be completed by Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT RECRUITMENT  
NDIGNITE CONNECTION ~ PROGRAM FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

Vision - The Office of Outreach and Engagement Recruitment was developed at Notre Dame to reach high ability students who have the potential to attend Notre Dame and other high ability universities. The program strives to shape and cultivate the students' natural gifts, ignite their imaginations, and prepare them to impact the world.

Students will be enrolled to participate in six Sunday live broadcasts and then complete assignments through the online learning center. Please see the handouts which explain the program in its entirety.

Registration is completed in late-February thru Mid-May. Students need to have a recommendation and report card transcript from the Middle School Administrator, school counselor, or Gifted Coach. Students must also attain a grade point average that reflects being in the top 5% of their class.

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS**

[www.puzzles.com](http://www.puzzles.com) ~ Logic problems can be completed online.

[www.exquisite-minds.com](http://www.exquisite-minds.com) ~ Within this site, you can find free brain games.

[www.giftedandtalented.com/challenge-zone](http://www.giftedandtalented.com/challenge-zone) - This site is a place for students to test their skills with exciting games and problems.

[www.khanacademy.org/](http://www.khanacademy.org/) ~ Great activities can be found on this website in the areas of math, science, and engineering.

**BOARD GAMES** ~ [www.daringtolivefully.com/board-games-and-life-skills](http://www.daringtolivefully.com/board-games-and-life-skills) (12 games)

- **EYECATCHER** - Using individual pattern tiles, match the same pattern on the game board in 1 minute
- **TANGRAMS** - Use tangram 5, 7 and 3D pieces to solve area problems to improve visual spatial reasoning skills
- **PENTOMINOES** - Use 12 pentomino pieces to solve area problems to improve visual spatial reasoning skills
- **24** - Make the number 24 from the four numbers on a game card. You can add, subtract, multiply and divide. Use all four numbers on the card, but use each number only once.
- **TABOO** - Guessing game with restrictions on the words you can use to name the mystery word
- **SCATTERGORIES** - Name objects within a set of categories given a specific time limit to identify a mystery word
- **SCRABBLE** - Word building game using extensive vocabulary