

Gifted Behavior

A Tale in Several Acts

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Ensuring a bright future for every child

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VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community



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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

<p>1</p> <p><u>All</u> Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas</p> 	<p>2</p> <p><u>Every</u> Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career</p> 	<p>3</p> <p><u>Every</u> Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program</p> 	<p>4</p> <p><u>Every</u> School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders</p> 	<p>5</p> <p><u>Every</u> Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes</p> 	<p>6</p> <p><u>Every</u> School and District is Rated "C" or Higher</p> 
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Bias

Check

Bias Check

What behaviors do you expect from gifted children that you would not expect from non-gifted children?

Bias Check

What behaviors are unacceptable of gifted children that are more accepted from non-gifted children?

Bias Check

Explain the differences in your expectations.

Conjunction

Check

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This student is gifted, **but...**

Conjunction Check

This student is gifted, **so**

Conjunction Check

This student is gifted **and**

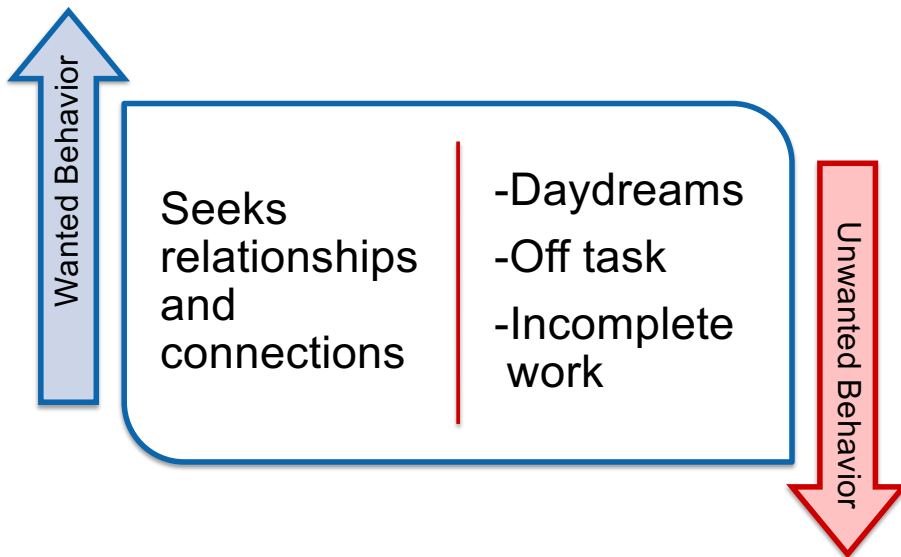
Characteristics & Behaviors

Gifted Characteristics

The mind of a gifted child is always running.



Gifted Behaviors

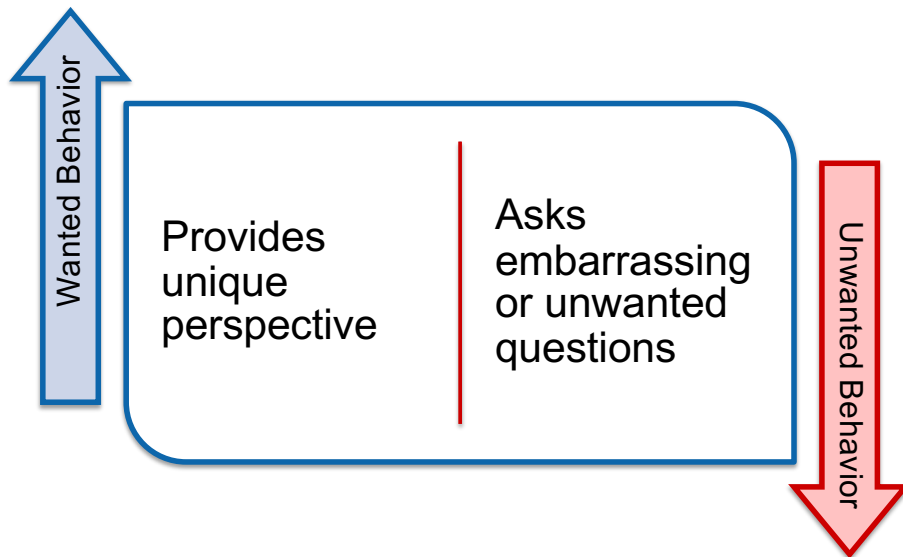


Gifted Characteristics

Gifted children pose unforeseen questions.



Gifted Behaviors

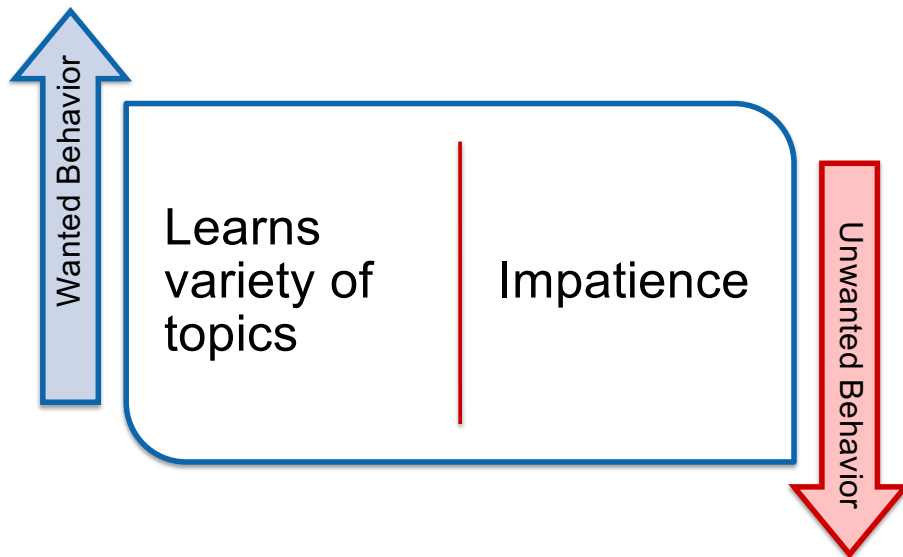


Gifted Characteristics

Most gifted children learn with few repetitions.



Gifted Behaviors

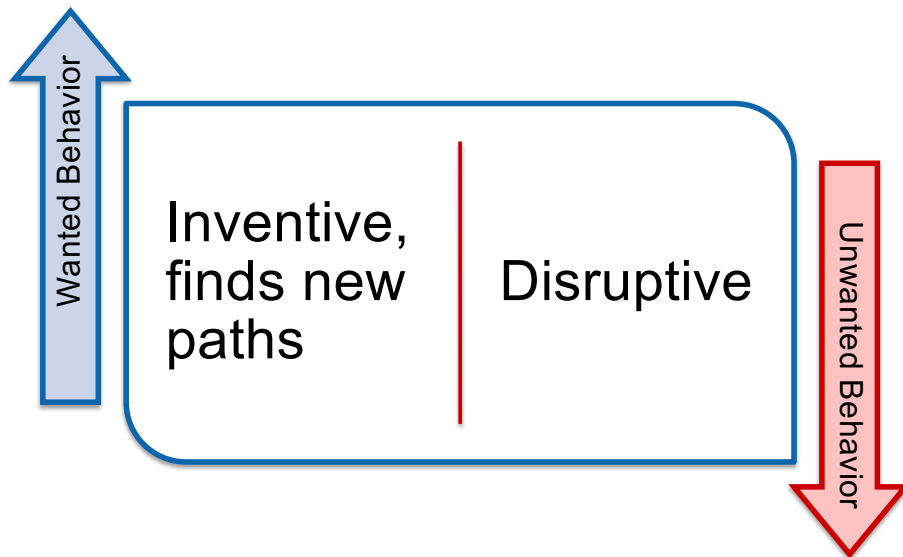


Gifted Characteristics

Many gifted children are creative.



Gifted Behaviors

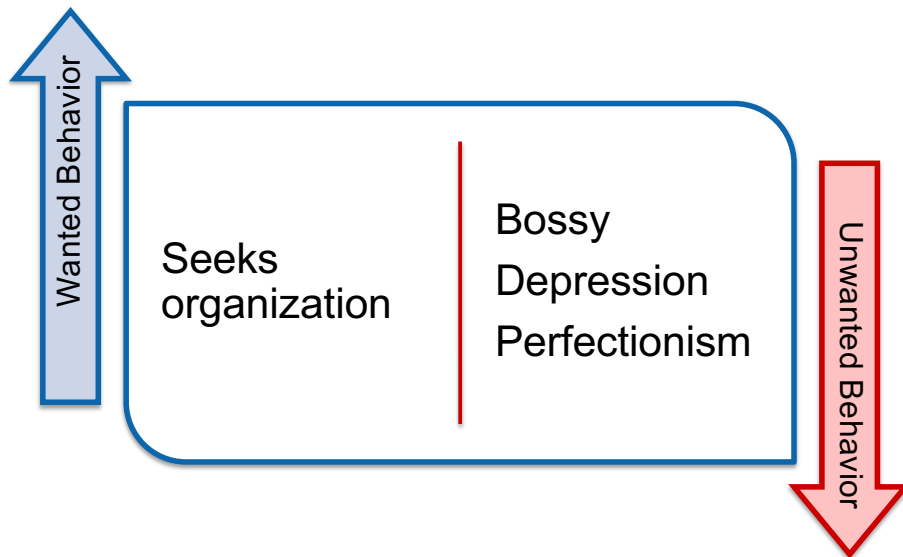


Gifted Characteristics

Some gifted children have high expectations of themselves and others



Gifted Behaviors

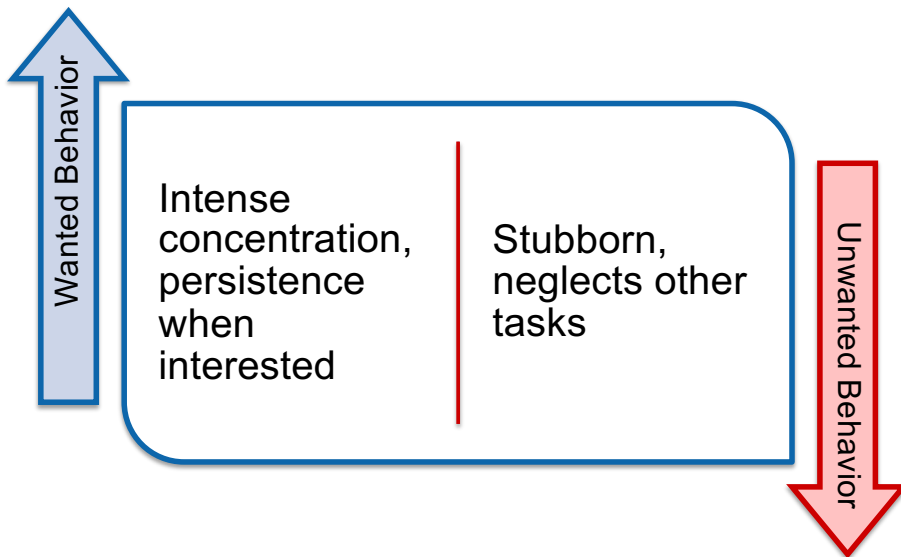


Gifted Characteristics

Gifted children know.



Gifted Behaviors

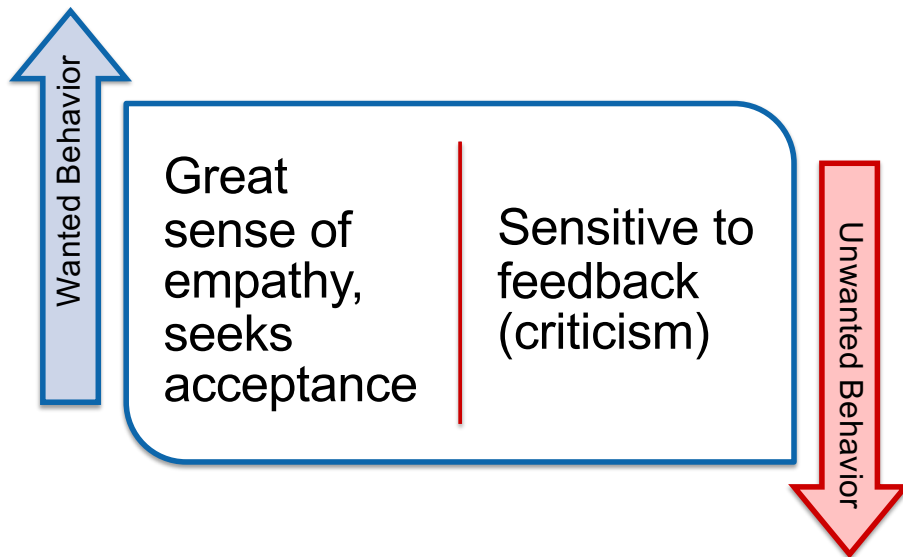


Gifted Characteristics

Some gifted children have strong emotions.



Gifted Behaviors

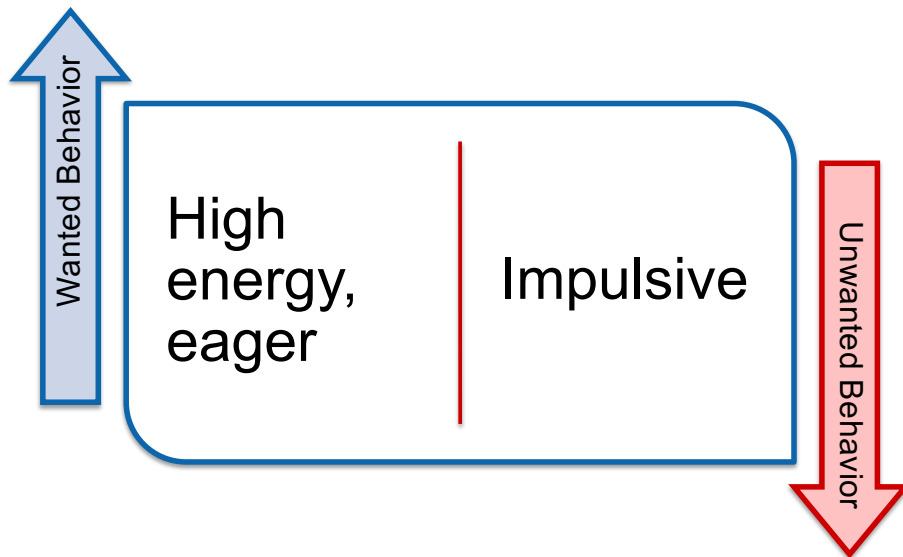


Gifted Characteristics

Some gifted children are physically intense.



Gifted Behaviors

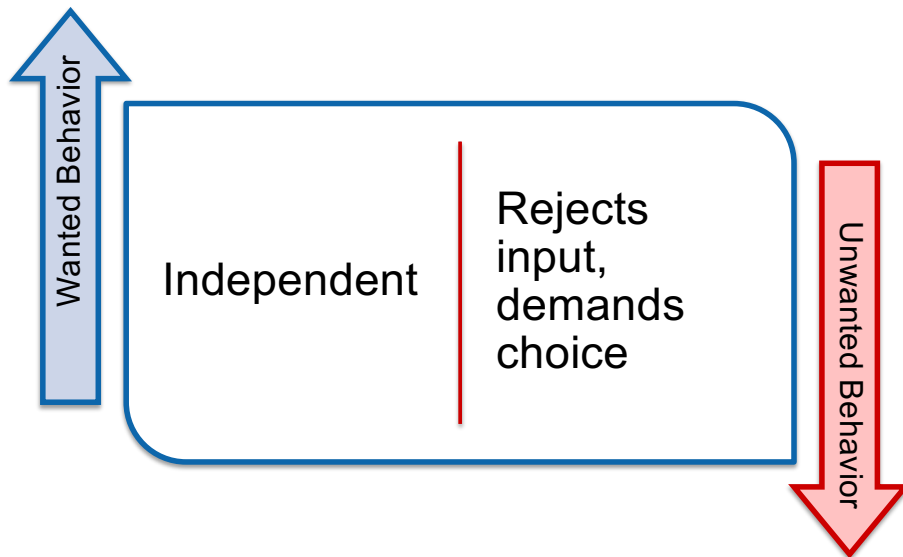


Gifted Characteristics

Gifted children prefer self-directed learning.



Gifted Behaviors

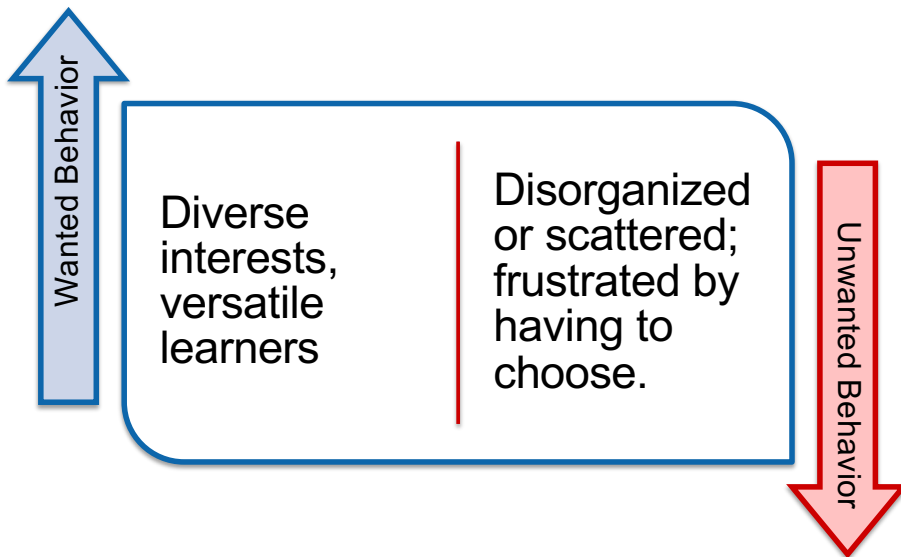


Gifted Characteristics

Most gifted children are good at many things (multipotentiality).



Gifted Behaviors

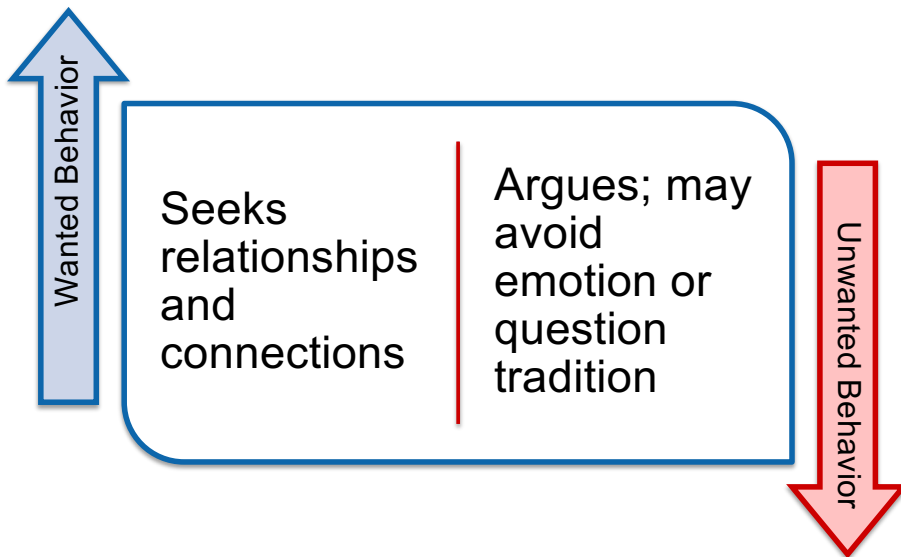


Gifted Characteristics

Gifted children think deeply with multiple perspectives.



Gifted Behaviors

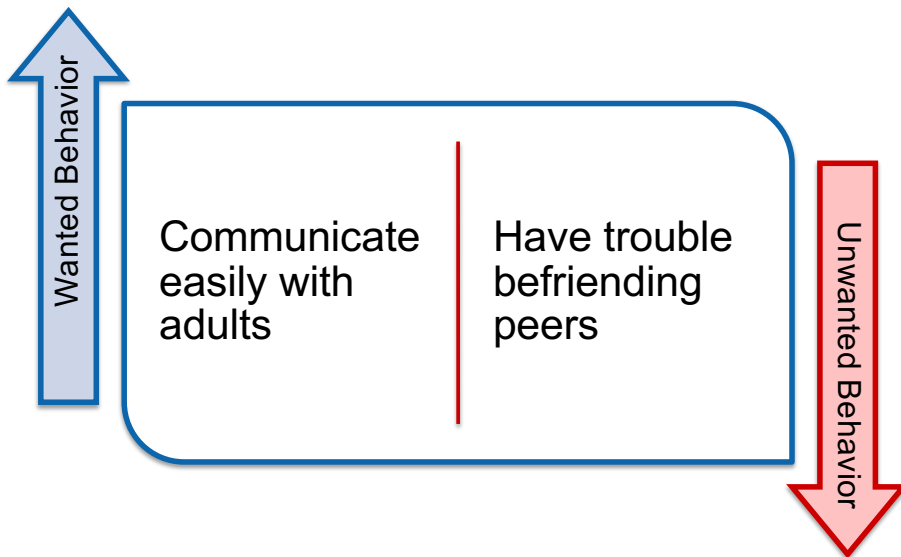


Gifted Characteristics

Gifted children prefer intellectual peers instead of same-age peers.



Gifted Behaviors



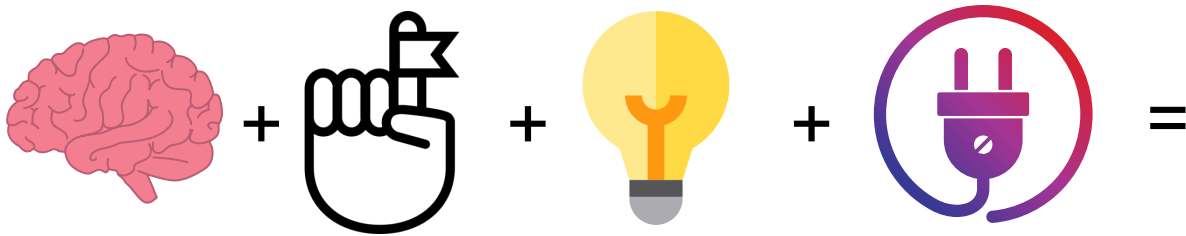
Specific Behaviors

Anxiety

Anxiety

The Equation for an Anxious Mind

Anxiety



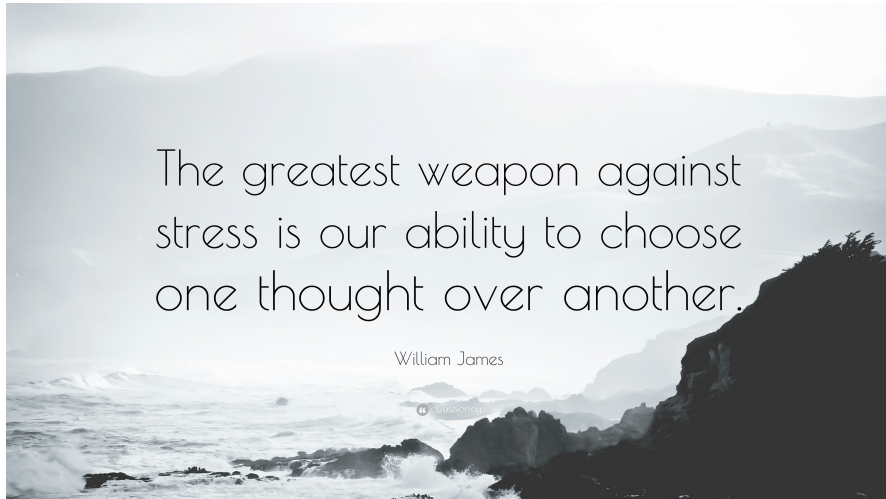
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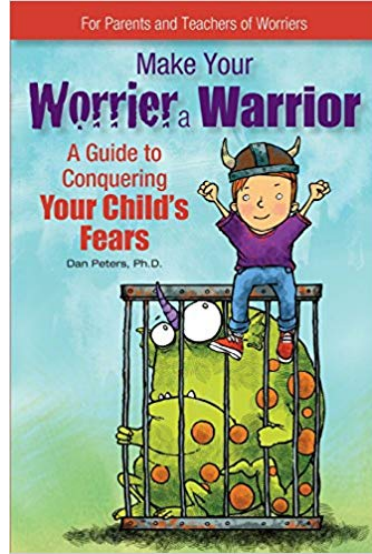
Support for Anxiety

The greatest weapon against stress is our ability to choose one thought over another.

William James



Support for Anxiety



Imposter Syndrome

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Support for Imposter Syndrome

The Five Imposters

1. The Perfectionist
2. The Superhuman
3. The Natural Genius
4. The Soloist
5. The Expert

I'm in an all boy band, and they don't suspect a thing



Intensity

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Dabrowski's Over-excitabilities

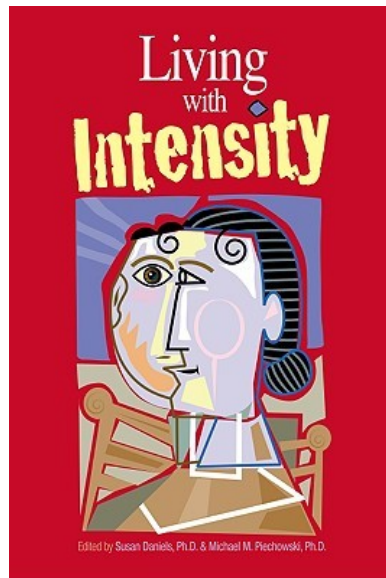
- Psychomotor: lots of movement, trouble settling down and sleeping, nervous tics
- Sensitivity: touch (labels), smells, sounds, lights; can't tune things out
- Emotional: Happiness is elation, sadness is depression, angry is fury

Intensity

High energy children become high energy adults.



Support for Intensity



Multipotentiality

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Definition: Being good at too many things

Multipotentiality

- Difficulty with decision-making
- Difficulty with follow-through
- Excellent performance in multiple subjects or academic areas
- Multiple hobbies and activities

Multipotentiality

- Schedules packed with a wide variety of social, recreational, and academic activities as determined by the student
- Little free time
- Chosen for leadership roles in a variety of groups and organizations

Multipotentiality

- Signs of stress and exhaustion:
 - Absences
 - Frequent or chronic illnesses
- Delay of decision making

Support for Multipotentiality

- Seek opportunities that combine interests
- Create learning paths and careers

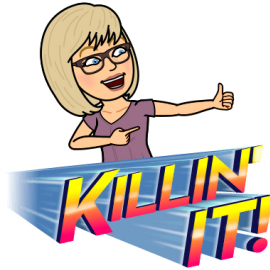
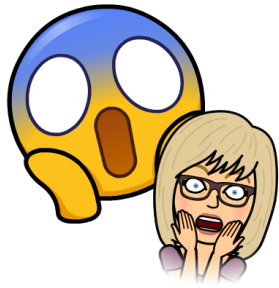
Support for Multipotentiality

Lites' Law Firm and Lovely Looks



Procrastination

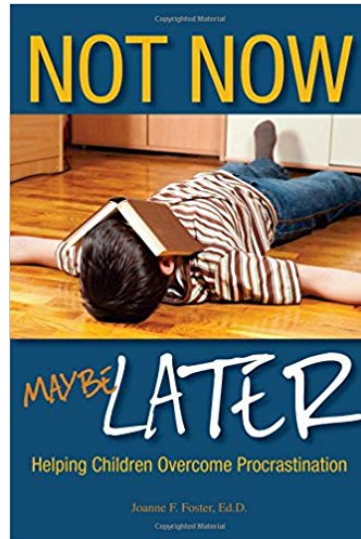
Procrastination



Support for Procrastination

- Understand the why
- Help with executive skills
- Natural consequences

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