

Daimon Institute for the Highly Gifted

This Gifted Child

I have advanced comprehension
(I relish thought-provoking curriculum and like-minded peers)

I possess an extraordinary quantity of information,
And I have unusual retentiveness
(I thrive on exposure to new and challenging materials and I need to acquire early mastery of foundation skills)

I have an unusual capacity for processing information
(I thrive on being exposed to ideas at many levels and in large variety)

My thought processes are accelerated
(I need to be exposed to ideas at rates that are appropriate to my individual pace of learning which is often accelerated!)

I have flexible thought processes
(I love to solve problems in diverse ways!)

Comprehensive synthesis is the way
I make sense of the world
(I need longer incubation time for my emergent ideas!)

I possess an ability to generate original ideas and solutions
(I need opportunities and encouragement to play with ideas and problem solving in diverse and unusual ways!)

I often express an evaluative approach to self and others
(I need to be exposed to individuals of varying abilities and talents and ways of making sense of the world; I need to develop skills in data evaluation and decision making)

I exhibit unusual intensity, persistent,
goal-directed behavior in areas I am stimulated
and deeply interested in
(I need opportunities to pursue my interests and to have unfettered time and exposure to all the elements of those interests)

I have a large accumulation of information about emotions
that has not been brought to awareness
(I need to be able to process my experience of emotions cognitively and in other ways, I need to be able to explore my own and others' expressions of emotions in safe and understanding environments)

I have the capacity for unusual sensitivity to the expectations
and feelings of others
(I need to be able to clarify the feelings and expectations of others and to develop healthy boundaries for my own needs and those of others)

This Gifted Child

Not to be reproduced without the Express written permission of the Author – P. Susan Jackson