

SPEAKER RESOURCE LIST

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TOPICS:

MEETINGS THAT WORK (how to plan and run fast, effective business meetings)

GETTING PEOPLE INVOLVED (attracting members and volunteers)

PROBLEM MEMBERS (Every group has 'em. Why they are like that, and strategies for how to handle the ones in your group)

WHAT'S AGE GOT TO DO WITH IT? (How demographic differences impact our lives and our organizations)

NEW OFFICERS WANTED (how to attract and nurture new, younger volunteers to step up as next year's officers)

E-MAIL AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (tips and tricks about when and who to use email more effectively)

ALL ABOUT MENSA (background, eligibility and benefits of the worldwide high I.Q. society)

RETREAT AND MEETING FACILITATION (planning and conducting strategic or annual planning sessions)

COMMITTEES THAT WORK

How to plan, select, appoint and nurture work groups that produce the product you need, and leaves the committee proud and ready to serve again.

TOPICS: IDENTIFYING GIFTED

CHILDREN/STUDENTS

ADVOCACY IN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FORMING A CHAPTER OF THE MICHIGAN ALLIANCE FOR GIFTED EDUCATION

Organizing, staying active

PARENT INVOLVEMENT – What can I as a parent do for my gifted child?

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF GIFTED—especially sensitivities, perfectionism, handling stress

RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG GIFTED & MEETING NEEDS

GUIDING THE GIFTED CHILD – 7 session SENG parenting guided discussion group using *Guiding the Gifted Child* by Webb, Meckstroth & Tolan

TOPICS:

CURRICULUM – Differentiation, acceleration, compacting, higher level thinking, choices, independent study, project-based learning, thematic/interdisciplinary curriculum, learning centers, clusters

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT/REFINEMENT

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF GIFTED CREATIVITY

UNDERSERVED GIFTED STUDENTS

PARENT SUPPORT

GLOBAL AWARENESS FOR THE GIFTED

UNDERACHIEVEMENT

ADULT GIFTEDNESS

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TOPICS:
Gifted ~ The Missed Population:
Understanding Gifted & How to Support Them
(Counselors, Educators, Parents)
Teacher & Counselor In-service: Understanding
Gifted and using a Differentiated Education Plan
(DEP)
Underachieving Gifted Students

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Speech length: varies

TOPICS:
CURRICULUM – Teaching gifted middle schoolers
REFORMS – CURRENT (i.e. high school requirements)
MIDWEST ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH (Above grade
level testing)
GT101 – Challenging Gifted Students
Disorganization – How Bright Children Can Struggle

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TOPICS:
ADVOCACY – Both “How To” and “Why We Need Gifted
Education”
CHAPTERS – Tips for Starting Your Own
MIDWEST ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH (Above grade
level testing)
GT101 – Challenging Gifted Students

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TOPICS: Adaptable
The "AKABA" model of gifted education - Curriculum and
Structure
Meeting the needs of gifted children
Identification of gifted children
Characteristics of gifted children
Starting an independent school for gifted children
Parenting gifted children

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TOPICS: IDENTIFYING GIFTED
CHILDREN
ADVOCACY – How to get your child into Gifted
Education, acceleration, compacting, higher level
learning, enrichment, project-based
learning, etc. Tips for Starting Your Own
MIDWEST ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH (Above grade
level testing)
INTELLECT – What can I as a parent do for my
gifted child?
REFORMS – Gifted Students

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TOPICS:

Gifted and "Quirky" Children
Sensory Integration Strategies for the home or school environment
Is it Sensory, Behavior or Something else?

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TOPICS:

Introduction to Gifted – The Basics (with reproducible handouts)
Strategies and practical ideas for the classroom teachers--alternatives such as acceleration, mentoring, differentiation and independent study
Homeschooling gifted children
Using technology and educational websites for classroom and homeschool
Early college at younger ages; CLEP for early college credits; independent options for gifted teens
Visual Spatial and Gifted
Buffet of above topics