

## Essential Links for the Parents of Gifted Children

Every parent wants to see their child successful and happy in school, but sometimes parents just don't know what to do or how to help a child who is exceptional. Keeping him or her challenged and interested in school can be tough. Parents of gifted children should know that they are not alone and there are hundreds of resources on the Web that can help! Here are just a that can be a helpful start.

### ***Organizations***

These organizations help gifted students and their parents get the education, emotional support, and guidance needed to be happy and well-adjusted.

**OAGC ([www.oagc.com](http://www.oagc.com))**: the Ohio Association of Gifted Children is the state-centered organization for gifted kids. Parents can join, find resources to help parent, and even attend special events and conferences.

**National Association for Gifted Children ([www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org))**: The National Association for Gifted Children is one of the best places for parents of gifted children to find resources, reading, help, and advice on raising an exceptional child.

**Mensa for Kids ([www.mensaforkids.org](http://www.mensaforkids.org))**: MENSA embraces younger members through this fun and interactive website. It offers monthly themes to get kids reading and learning at an advanced level.

### ***Twitter***

Some people may not be comfortable with social media; however, there is a wealth of information on Twitter. Search the following to get connected with teachers of gifted children and parents of gifted children.

**@DeepWatersCoach**- Lisa Lauffer works with the group Gifted Grownups & Parents of Gifted Children and offers support through her Twitter feed and beyond.

**@gifted\_guru**- Links to Lisa Van Gemert, a gifted youth specialist for MENSA

**@JeffcoGifted**- Nonprofit group of parents, teachers and community leaders tweets about advocacy and resources for gifted kids.

**@HoagiesGifted**- Collection of resources and articles about gifted education and parenting

**@laughingatchaos**- Jen is a mom raising gifted kids. She shares her experiences, both good and bad, here and on her blog.

### ***Blogs***

These blogs offer a wealth of information and advice for parents of gifted children

**About.com Gifted Children** (<http://giftedkids.about.com>) Carol Bainbridge, an expert on gifted children, maintains this blog which is full of ideas and information

**Parenting Gifted Kids** ([www.parentinggiftedkids.com](http://www.parentinggiftedkids.com)) Sarah Robbins maintains this blog to learn about how to help and challenge your gifted child.

**Parents of Gifted Children Resource Group** ([www.depogcrg.blogspot.com](http://www.depogcrg.blogspot.com)) Parents can find resources and make connections with other parents of gifted children

**Gifted Parenting Support** (<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com>) Excellent place to read more about how to parent and educate children who are gifted and talented.

### ***General Resources***

**Hoagies' Gifted Education Page** ([www.hoagiesgifted.org](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org)) This site has a little bit of everything from conference listings to tips on understanding your gifted child.

**Gifted Development Center** ([www.gifteddevelopment.com](http://www.gifteddevelopment.com)) Looking for information about giftedness and how to raise a gifted child? Dr. Linda Silverman provides both on this site.

**Gifted Child Today** (<http://gct.sagepub.com>) This is an open access journal which is a great read for parents who want to learn more about meeting the needs of their gifted child.

**Gifted Journey** ([www.giftedjourney.com](http://www.giftedjourney.com)) Great resource for learning about giftedness and covers everything from bullying to IQ tests.