

## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE BRIGHT CHILD AND THE GIFTED LEARNER

(All descriptors represent a continuum of behaviors rather than extremes)

### BRIGHT CHILD

Knows the answers  
Is interested  
Is attentive  
Has good ideas  
Works hard  
Answers the questions  
Is in the top group  
Listens with ease  
Requires 6-8 repetitions for mastery  
Understands ideas  
Enjoys peers  
Grasps the meaning  
Completes assignments  
Is receptive  
Copies accurately  
Enjoys school  
Absorbs information  
Is a technician  
Is a good memorizer  
Enjoys straightforward sequential presentation  
Is alert  
Is pleased with own learning

### GIFTED LEARNER

Asks the questions  
Is highly curious  
Is mentally & physically involved  
Has wild, silly ideas  
Plays around, yet tests well  
Discusses in detail, elaborates  
Goes beyond the group  
Already knows  
Requires 1-2 repetitions for mastery  
Constructs abstractions  
Prefers adults  
Draws inferences  
Initiates projects  
Is intense  
Create a new design  
Enjoys learning  
Manipulates information  
Is an inventor  
Is a good guesser  
Thrives on complexity  
Is keenly observant  
Is highly self-critical

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."

Abigail Adams