



#gtchat Jul 8, 2011 Noon



DeborahMersino My tweets 4 the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Pardon heavy stream; feel free to join us. Topic: More than IQ #gtchat
11:56 am



DeborahMersino Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic now: "More than IQ: Why Investing in Testing Pays Off." #parenting #gifted #psychology #gtchat
12:00 pm



DeborahMersino Please take a moment to introduce yourselves, your role (educator, parent, gifted advocate, counselor) & share where you reside! #gtchat
12:00 pm



jofrei Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Australia here at 2.00 am Saturday -very wintry weather this week #gtchat
12:00 pm



DeborahMersino I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mom to 2 girls (just had them tested/timely!) & consultant 2 GT communities. In Colorado. #gtchat
12:01 pm



tbrwn @DeborahMersino Hiya, I'm toby in oklahoma. phd student in edtech, emphasis (2nd) on GT. lurking today #gtchat
12:01 pm



DeborahMersino While you're introducing yourselves, I'm going to put up resources for later viewing! #gtchat
12:01 pm



brianhousand Brian Housand - Asst. Professor in Gifted Ed. at ECU - I will be popping in and out today as I prepare for Confratute next week #gtchat
12:02 pm



DeborahMersino I.Q. Tests And Your Child by Carolyn Callahan And Howard Eichner via @NAGCGifted <http://bit.ly/b2Ka2l> #gtchat
12:02 pm



DeborahMersino The Least You Should Know About Testing Your Gifted Child by @GiftedKidsGuide <http://bit.ly/nvdhTY> #gtchat
12:02 pm



DeborahMersino Gifted Development Center in Colorado has lots of helpful articles on assessment <http://bit.ly/9ShoLg> #gtchat
12:03 pm



LisaDSB I'm Lisa, former lawyer now homeschooling mother to two gifted boys. Here from Ontario, Canada. #gtchat
12:03 pm



DeborahMersino Should I have my child tested via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/9PdYZ9> #gtchat
12:04 pm



DeborahMersino Welcome all! Smaller group...but know more will join us. Glad you're all here. #gtchat
12:04 pm



DeborahMersino I'm happy to be discussing this topic today. With so many cuts taking place in gifted ed, the need 4 parents to advocate = critical. #gtchat
12:05 pm

mrsdistefano hi, dawn here, mom of 1MG, 1HG (both elem sch), 1HA (beg high sch) #gtchat
12:05 pm



ljconrad Hi! Lisa from Pittsburgh - author of Gifted Parenting Support, advocate and parent of 2 gifted young adults. #gtchat
12:06 pm



DeborahMersino Q1) Why test? I'd love to hear your thoughts...professionally, personally. #gtchat
12:06 pm



DeborahMersino Welcome @ljconrad @mrsdistenfino! Glad you joined us. Q1) Why test? I'd love to hear your thoughts...professionally, personally. #gtchat
12:06 pm



DeborahMersino According to Bainbridge, 4 reasons to test. #gtchat
12:07 pm



gjaimojosephine Josephine Giaimo here in central NJ, passionate and unstoppable (smile) coach & advocate for gifted children and adults #gtchat, hello all!
12:07 pm



LisaDSB Q1 -- Not that it did us a whole lot of good, but I liked having the "objective evidence" of an IQ test when advocating with school. #gtchat
12:07 pm



DeborahMersino 1) To provide details about learning needs, including strengths and weaknesses
12:07 pm - Carol Bainbridge #gtchat



DeborahMersino 2) To help identify a child for a gifted program - Carol Bainbridge #gtchat
12:07 pm



jofrei Q1 Often testing will provide the proof needed to gain necessary provisions
12:08 pm #gtchat



DeborahMersino 3) To discover any learning abilities requiring intervention. - Carol Bainbridge
12:08 pm #gtchat



ColoradoGKN Michelle lurking for a bit today #gtchat
12:08 pm



DeborahMersino 4) To help advocate for appropriate educational accommodations - Carol Bainbridge (very important!). #gtchat
12:08 pm



DeborahMersino RT @jofrei: Q1 Often testing will provide the proof needed to gain necessary provisions #gtchat
12:09 pm



DeborahMersino @ColoradoGKN Good to see you Michelle. #gtchat
12:09 pm

HoagiesGifted Hi all! Internet is lousy here in rural Ohio, but I'll try to participate #gtchat
12:09 pm



DeborahMersino @LisaDSB Me too. #gtchat
12:09 pm



DeborahMersino @HoagiesGifted Grateful to have you with us! #gtchat
12:09 pm



ljconrad Q1: indispensable for twice exceptional kids! Know the difference between GT/LD/mix. #gtchat
12:09 pm

mrsdistefano just starting, for help in school advocacy in underachievement situation (small private catholic school, no "gifted program") #gtchat
12:10 pm



DeborahMersino Here's what @HoagiesGifted has to say about Why Should I Have My Child Tested <http://bit.ly/9PdYZ9> #gtchat
12:10 pm

HoagiesGifted I'm Carolyn, from cyberspace ;-) Two girls 16 and 20 now, but thankfully tested
12:10 pm early and thoroughly... #gtchat



jofrei RT @ljconrad: Q1: indispensable for twice exceptional kids! Know the difference
12:10 pm between GT/LD/mix. YES! #gtchat



giaimojosephine Q1: As read on Hoagiesgifted, we test because we have a question (I'm using
12:10 pm the word testing as equivalent to assessment here) #gtchat



DeborahMersino RT @ljconrad: Q1: indispensable for twice exceptional kids! Know the difference
12:10 pm between GT/LD/mix. <=absolutely #gtchat



Elle_Gifted Hello all! I'm Elle- Gifed Ed Teacher in 2-6th grades in Mississippi. #gtchat
12:11 pm



DeborahMersino Q1) Having just gone through comprehensive testing, I learned SO much about
12:11 pm both daughters. #gtchat



giaimojosephine Q1: And...sometimes a test/assessment raises additional questions, which then
12:11 pm also must be answered, w/perhaps more testing... #gtchat



DeborahMersino Q1) Would never have known about need for visual therapy (tracking issues)
12:12 pm and likely wouldn't be grade-skipping both girls w/o rslt #gtchat



DeborahMersino @giaimojosephine Excellent point regarding additional questions raised.
12:12 pm #gtchat



DeborahMersino @Elle_Gifted Welcome! #gtchat
12:12 pm



DeborahMersino For those just joining: Q1) Why test? I'd love to hear your
12:12 pm thoughts...professionally, personally. #gtchat #gtchat

HoagiesGifted Because we tested early, we were able to get even our 2e youngest into
12:12 pm Davidson YS... later she wouldn't have qualified #gtchat



giaimojosephine Q1: Many would rather pathologize a gifted or 2E child...even those who know
12:12 pm and love that child, ugly duckling syndrome....sad...#gtchat



giaimojosephine RT @DeborahMersino: 4) To help advocate for appropriate educational
12:13 pm accommodations - Carol Bainbridge (very important!). #gtchat <==critical



DeborahMersino RT @giaimojosephine: Q1: Many would rather pathologize a gifted or 2E child...
12:13 pm #gtchat



ColoradoGKN tested 2e son in 7th grade. Results explained much of learning differences,
12:14 pm accomodations easier with test results. #gtchat



DeborahMersino @HoagiesGifted Yes, access to programs, like @DavidsonGifted can result.
12:14 pm #gtchat



jofrei Q1 Sometimes the testing provides answers to behavioural/social/emotional
12:14 pm issues #gtchat



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat mom of two EG grown up girls. Had them tested to reassure myself that
12:14 pm I wasn't out of line in advocating for them.

HoagiesGifted #1 to figure the 2e child out... peeling the onion... many layers #gtchat
12:14 pm



DeborahMersino @ColoradoGKN makes a good point (as many of you)...much easier to
12:14 pm advocate with comprehensive results in hand... #gtchat



DeborahMersino RT @jofrei: Q1 Sometimes the testing provides answers to behavioural/social/
12:15 pm emotional issues - so true. #gtchat



ColoradoGKN as a teacher, test results often point out asynchronies which help modify
12:15 pm teaching #gtchat



ljconrad Q1: identification. Deal with too many parents who think gifted ed not important
12:15 pm even when presented with test results. #gtchat



gjaimojosephine RT @HoagiesGifted: Because we tested early, we were able to get #gtchat
12:15 pm ...just curious: how early? How old was your child? Thanks.

HoagiesGifted @lauralynnwalsh9 Definitely! I thought I was nuts with the 1st one - teachers/
12:15 pm principal telling me kids NEVER demand to learn! #gtchat



DeborahMersino Q1) Even learning about both dds being visual-spatial explained a lot. #gtchat
12:15 pm



gjaimojosephine RT @jofrei: Q1 Sometimes the testing provides answers to behavioural/social/
12:15 pm emotional issues #gtchat



DeborahMersino RT @ColoradoGKN: as a teacher, test results often point out asynchronies
12:16 pm which help modify teaching #gtchat



PiecesOLearning #Gifted Exchange: The Fear of Gaps: <http://t.co/6D52JOW> via @addthis
12:16 pm #gtchat



DeborahMersino Q2) Many of you have shared your personal experiences? Did you utilize a
12:16 pm professional/private tester (sounds like it)? #gtchat

HoagiesGifted @gjaimojosephine She was 4.5 & 6 when we assessed - 4.5 gave us eg/pg,
12:16 pm and 6 gave us several bits of 2e stuff so we could remediate #gtchat



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat My older one was a "fade into the woodwork" gifted girl. No acting out,
12:17 pm she just shut down and disappeared.



ljconrad Q1: too many schools don't look past IQ tests! #gtchat
12:17 pm



gjaimojosephine Q1: Parents need good information about testing. Some test givers don't know
12:17 pm what to do if or when an IQ test ceiling has been hit. #gtchat



DeborahMersino Q2 (cont): If so, had your learners already been identified by school screening
12:17 pm tests? Did you use someone specializing in gifted? #gtchat

GiftedHF #gtchat Holy moley, it's Friday already? Sorry I'm late. We're discussing testing?
12:17 pm



DeborahMersino @lauralynnwalsh9 Not uncommon...introverts can silently be miserable...
12:18 pm #gtchat



gjaimojosephine @HoagiesGifted thanks! #gtchat
12:18 pm



ColoradoGKN Sometimes parents make demands that don't jive with results. Parents need
12:18 pm more info on what testing means and how to use it #gtchat



LisaDSB Q2 - we tested with a local psychologist who claimed to have a gifted child, but did not appear, in hindsight, to have exp w gifted. #gtchat
12:18 pm



Elle_Gifted RT @ljconrad: Q1: too many schools don't look past IQ tests! > Very true!
12:18 pm #gtchat



DeborahMersino @GiftedHF Yes, welcome! Q1 and Q2 center on personal experiences with testing/benefits. Glad you're here. #gtchat
12:18 pm

HoagiesGifted Q2: school tester was clueless, gave "gt or not" results. Didn't know about 2e, didn't know about eg/pg, didn't know GAI, etc. #gtchat
12:18 pm



gjaimojosephine RT @lauralynnwalsh9: #gtchat My older one was a "fade into the woodwork" gifted girl. Silverman says that this is typical of gifted girls.
12:18 pm



DeborahMersino @ljconrad -And while I'm not an expert, the research seems to show that group tests (CoGAT) often don't always show the full picture #gtchat
12:19 pm



Elle_Gifted Would love to know what parents say about Q2. Have nephew (in other sch district) who needs to be tested & need advice. #gtchat
12:19 pm



gjaimojosephine RT @ljconrad: Q1: too many schools don't look past IQ tests! #gtchat <== I beg to differ. Too many schools don't even look AT IQ tests!
12:19 pm



ColoradoGKN Q2 we used GDC for son. Very thorough. For HG daughter school testing with lots of advocacy was enough. #gtchat
12:20 pm



LisaDSB Q2 - school did not have a screening program (private Montessori) so we went private testing route, but no one here is exp in gifted #gtchat
12:20 pm



DeborahMersino @HoagiesGifted Yes...that's why private (as you know!) can be so important.
12:20 pm #gtchat

mrsdistefano Q2: school uses wppi and terra nova for placement, has no gifted prog, so will use private tester #gtchat
12:20 pm

GiftedHF #gtchat @DeborahMersino Thanks! Q1 Testing saved either my dd's life or mine, depending ojn how you look at it :-)
12:20 pm



gjaimojosephine Q1: By the way, a high IQ test score can't be a false positive, only a false negative. You can't "guess your way" to a gifted score. #gtchat
12:20 pm

GiftedHF Some of my favorite articles on testing (also why it can be impt even if you #homeschool): <http://tinyurl.com/3o4rogf> #gtchat #gifted
12:21 pm



ljconrad @gjaimojosephine ;) #gtchat
12:21 pm



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat I found group tests too variable. When group results were available year to year, they varied by 10 to 30 points.
12:21 pm



DeborahMersino @Elle_Gifted Just went thru testing @ Gifted Development Center. \$, but so thorough. Best investment in their educ made to date. #gtchat
12:21 pm

GiftedHF RT @lauralynnwalsh9: #gtchat I found group tests too variable. // Agreed. Also, they are terrible for #2ekids or sensory sensitive.
12:21 pm



gjaimojosephine Q1: In other words, another and/or different IQ test may show even higher results. And...Mensa offers a number of tests for adults. #gtchat
12:22 pm

ASF **AsynchSchlrFnd** Joining late btw mtgs: RT **@DeborahMersino**: #gtchat! topic "More than IQ: Why Investing in Testing Pays Off." #parenting #gifted #gtchat
12:22 pm

ASF **AsynchSchlrFnd** RT **@DeborahMersino**: The Least You Should Know About Testing Your Gifted Child by **@GiftedKidsGuide** <http://bit.ly/nvdhTY> #gtchat
12:22 pm

ASF **AsynchSchlrFnd** RT **@DeborahMersino**: I.Q. Tests And Your Child by Carolyn Callahan And Howard Eichner via **@NAGCGifted** <http://bit.ly/b2Ka2l> #gtchat
12:22 pm

ASF **AsynchSchlrFnd** RT **@DeborahMersino**: Gifted Development Center in Colorado has lots of helpful articles on assessment <http://bit.ly/9ShoLg> #gtchat
12:22 pm



DeborahMersino The combination of WISC-IV or SBL w/Woodstock-Johnson (plus other Needs Assessment) gave us thorough picture. #gtchat
12:22 pm

ASF **AsynchSchlrFnd** RT **@DeborahMersino**: Should I have my child tested via **@HoagiesGifted** <http://bit.ly/9PdYZ9> #gtchat
12:22 pm

GiftedHF RT **@DeborahMersino**: Just went thru testing @ GDC. \$, but so thorough. #gtchat / Agreed. We did it 2x. Worth every penny.
12:22 pm

ASF **AsynchSchlrFnd** RT **@GiftedHF**: Some of my favorite articles on testing : <http://tinyurl.com/3o4rogf> #gtchat #gifted
12:23 pm

HoagiesGifted **@mrsdistefano** WPPSI has ceilings for 5-6 yo gifted, and gives far less info. than WISC - no GAI, Extended scores, less subtests #gtchat
12:23 pm



Elle_Gifted **@DeborahMersino** Thanks for tip! Going to check out prof referred by Karnes Gifted Center here locally. Wish it weren't so expensive! #gtchat
12:23 pm



gjaimojosephine Q2: My experience has been (personal, professional) that even if schools perform screening tests (here in NJ), they don't USE them. #gtchat
12:23 pm



DeborahMersino **@lauralynnwalsh9** Agree...have been reading why group tests don't always work. #gtchat
12:23 pm



Elle_Gifted RT **@DeborahMersino**: **@Elle_Gifted** Just went thru testing @ Gifted Development Center. \$, but so thorough. Best investment in their educ made to date. #gtchat
12:23 pm



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat I taught kids in GT program, so I could follow their group results year to year - extremely variable and essentially useless.
12:23 pm

mrsdistefano RT **@LisaDSB**: Q2 - school did not have a screening program (private Montessori)...no one here is exp in gifted <== same here #gtchat
12:23 pm

ASF **AsynchSchlrFnd** Yes, can use WISC @ that age, no? RT **@HoagiesGifted**: WPPSI has ceilings for 5-6 yo gifted, and gives far less info. than WISC -#gtchat
12:23 pm



DeborahMersino **@HoagiesGifted** - Yes...dd scored dramatically higher on WISC-IV than WPPSI after 5 years. #gtchat
12:24 pm

HoagiesGifted Group tests are troublesome. Too much chance of gifted over-interpretation of ?s #gtchat
12:24 pm



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat problem: what to do about kids whose parent can't afford or wouldn't even consider private testing.
12:24 pm

ASF **AsynchSchlrFnd** Theyu used them when I was growing up. Not useful! RT **@DeborahMersino**: Agree...have been reading why group tests don't always work. #gtchat
12:24 pm

GiftedHF @giaimojosephine Often the schools don't understand them anyway, even IF
12:24 pm the testing is done properly. #gtchat



DeborahMersino Q4) Do any of you have specific questions relative to different tests? We have
12:24 pm some savvy ppl with us today/may be able to answer! #gtchat



giaimojosephine Q2: Just about every Mensa chapter has a Gifted Child Coordinator and a Test
12:25 pm Proctor...contact your local chapter online. YMMV,. #gtchat

mrsdistefano RT @HoagiesGifted WPPSI has ceilings for 5-6 yo gifted, and gives far less
12:25 pm info. than WISC < yes, both hit numerous ceilings #gtchat

HoagiesGifted My favorite (made up, but very real) ?: which doesn't belong: 3 fruits and a
12:25 pm veggie? but 3 have 6-letter names, and 1 has 8-let. #gtchat



brianhousand Before investing in private IQ testing you should verify that school / gt program
12:25 pm will accept the scores. #gtchat

GiftedHF . @DeborahMersino: I'm not seeing your tweets with the questions showing up.
12:25 pm What was 3? #gtchat



DeborahMersino @lauralynnwalsh9 Agree - want to address during this chat. \$. In a moment.
12:25 pm Such an important issue. #gtchat



giaimojosephine RT @HoagiesGifted: Q2: school tester was clueless, gave "gt or not" results.
12:25 pm Didn't know about ... #gtchat I have seen this pattern a lot!



brianhousand Also, all of this varies from state to state and district to district #gtchat
12:26 pm

HoagiesGifted @mrsdistefano ceilings on WISC -> Extended scores for extra credit beyond
12:26 pm celings. But not on WPPSI. #gtchat



DeborahMersino @brianhousand Good point! Even if r public school hadn't accepted scores, I'm
12:26 pm grateful/will help us find right school/decide to HS #gtchat



LisaDSB RT @HoagiesGifted: WPPSI has ceilings for 5-6 yo gifted, and gives far less
12:27 pm info. than WISC ==> Yes, my kids hit ceiling at age 5 #gtchat



AsynchSchlrFnd RT @DeborahMersino: Q4) Do any of you have specific questions relative to
12:27 pm different tests? savvy ppl with us may be able to answer! #gtchat



Elle_Gifted RT @brianhousand: Before investing in private IQ testing you should verify that
12:27 pm school / gt program will accept the scores. #gtchat



giaimojosephine RT @Elle_Gifted: Have nephew (in other schl district) who needs to be tested &
12:27 pm need advice. #gtchat Follow/contact me for info/referrals.



DeborahMersino @GiftedHF I did it again. Skipped from Q2 to Q4. You didn't miss anything! :-)
12:27 pm #gtchat

mrsdistefano RT @HoagiesGifted: ceilings on WISC <== Boys now 8 and 10 yrs > WISC or
12:28 pm other tests better? #gtchat



DeborahMersino As many of you may know, I've been reading Barbara Gilman's book on
12:28 pm advocacy...will look for link/powerful. #gtchat



giaimojosephine RT @ljconrad: @giaimojosephine ;) #gtchat
12:28 pm



ljconrad There are simply not enough test centers/psych exp w/gifted to go around! Big problem! #gtchat
12:29 pm

GiftedHF @DeborahMersino Oh, good - I thought maybe you all just hated me or else
12:29 pm Tweetdeck does! :-) #gtchat

HoagiesGifted @lauralynnwalsh9 \$. That's why I fight for school psychs to learn about gt stuff
12:29 pm in testing... #gtchat



Elle_Gifted @gjaimojosephine Thanks, just added you. #gtchat
12:29 pm



DeborahMersino Empowering Gifted Minds: Educational Advocacy That Works by Gilman
12:29 pm <http://amzn.to/mTuy8t> #gtchat Gives Potent Overview of all Things Testing



LisaDSB Psych didn't appreciate ceiling issue, that's why finding an expert in gifted is
12:29 pm imp. Next time we go to Denver, may line up test. #gtchat

HoagiesGifted @DeborahMersino LOL I learned to stop counting ;-) #gtchat
12:29 pm



DeborahMersino RT @ljconrad: There are simply not enough test centers/psych exp w/gifted to
12:29 pm go around! Big problem! <=agreed. let's discuss. #gtchat



AsynchSchlrFnd RT @DeborahMersino: Empowering Gifted Minds: Educational Advocacy That
12:30 pm Works by Gilman <http://amzn.to/mTuy8t> #gtchat #fb

mrsdistefano RT @ljconrad: There are simply not enough test centers/psych exp w/gifted to
12:30 pm go around! Big problem! <== some up to 2 yr wait here #gtchat

GiftedHF RT @ljconrad: There are simply not enough test centers/psych exp w/gifted to
12:30 pm go around! #gtchat // Partly due to ppopulation demographics.



DeborahMersino RT @HoagiesGifted: @DeborahMersino LOL I learned to stop counting ;-) <=
12:30 pm You know me too well! :-) #gtchat



TeaLiterati Gilman's book is excellent. #gtchat
12:30 pm



gjaimojosephine RT @HoagiesGifted: Group tests are troublesome. Too much chance of gifted
12:30 pm over-interpretation of ?s #gtchat Excellent point, happens a lot!



Ingennios Reading all you have to say #gtchat
12:30 pm



DeborahMersino Q5) What about high costs? Ideas, thoughts, hopes, needs? #gtchat
12:30 pm



DeborahMersino Q5) Know that many of the world's best testing centers aren't rolling in the
12:31 pm dough. Time invested = huge! #gtchat



AsynchSchlrFnd GDC recommends SB-LM RT @mrsdistefano: RT @HoagiesGifted: ceilings on
12:31 pm WISC <== Boys now 8 and 10 yrs > WISC or other tests better? #gtchat



DeborahMersino @Ingennios Glad! #gtchat
12:31 pm



gjaimojosephine RT @lauralynnwalsh9: #gtchat what to do about kids whose parent can't afford
12:31 pm or wouldn't even consider private testing. Visit Mensa!

GiftedHF RT **@HoagiesGifted**: That's why I fight for school psychs to learn about gt stuff
12:31 pm in testing. #gtchat / I'd love to know more abt yr approach



DeborahMersino **@TeaLiterati** It's like advocacy crack...can't read through it fast enough...
12:31 pm #gtchat



Ingennios Testing centers? In Mexico we have testing experts, that's it #gtchat
12:32 pm



LisaDSB Q5 - our testing was covered by work insurance benefit plan. Not sure if GDC
12:32 pm costs w/b covered, esp. if out of country! #gtchat



TeaLiterati If you live near university, they often have programs where grad students do
12:32 pm testing, with supervision. Can be good alternative. #gtchat



ASynchSchlrFnd Asynchronous Scholars' Fund hopes to raise \$ to fund this! RT
12:32 pm **@DeborahMersino**: Q5) ... high costs? Ideas, thoughts, hopes, needs? #gtchat



jofrei Q5 High costs is a real problem but regular psychs and school psychs often do
12:32 pm not have the necessary expertise in gifted #gtchat



DeborahMersino **@ASynchSchlrFnd** **@mrsdistefano** **@HoagiesGifted** We started with WISC-IV
12:32 pm at GDC. Almost HG, no need to take SB-LM. #gtchat

GiftedHF RT **@DeborahMersino**: Q5) What about high costs? #gtchat // GDC has
12:32 pm #homeschool discount for September.



DeborahMersino RT **@TeaLiterati**: If you live near university, they often have programs where
12:32 pm grad students do testing, with supervision. #gtchat



Elle_Gifted RT **@giaimojosephine**: RT **@lauralynnwalsh9**: #gtchat what to do about kids
12:32 pm whose parent can't afford or wouldn't even consider private testing. Visit Mensa!



ColoradoGKN Q5 some schools get it and can work with group testing to get the big picture.
12:33 pm need educators, psych, testers with GT education. #gtchat



TeaLiterati **@DeborahMersino** so true! LOL! #gtchat
12:33 pm



DeborahMersino RT **@GiftedHF**: RT **@DeborahMersino**: Q5) What about high costs? #gtchat //
12:33 pm GDC has #homeschool discount for September.<=didn't know. TY #gtchat



jofrei RT **@TeaLiterati**: If you live near university, the grad students do testing, with
12:33 pm supervision. Can be good alternative.- Yes #gtchat



TeaLiterati Also, sometimes you can find professors at local universities who will do testing
12:33 pm cheaper #gtchat



giaimojosephine Q4: I personally think all gifted parents should read "From Emotions to
12:33 pm Advocacy" which educates parents about ed system challenges #gtchat



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat **@jofrei** Or, they refuse to test for giftedness, because they are too busy
12:33 pm with learning disabled



Ingennios RT **@ASynchSchlrFnd**: Asynchronous Scholars' Fund hopes to raise \$ to fund
12:33 pm this! //NICE! #gtchat

HoagiesGifted Many psychs don't realize there are 2 ceilings. 1 when the child runs out of ?s.
12:33 pm Other is when child canNOT score higher with more ? #gtchat



DeborahMersino @ColoradoGKN Yes! #gtchat

12:34 pm



DeborahMersino @HoagiesGifted Yes, was glad for extended norms on the WISC-IV. #gtchat

12:34 pm

ASF

AsynchSchlrsFnd Have a link to share? RT @giaimojosephine: Q4: I personally think all gifted parents should read "From Emotions to Advocacy" #gtchat

12:34 pm



DeborahMersino RT @Ingennios: RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd: Asynchronous Scholars Fund hopes to raise \$ to fund this! //NICE! #gtchat

12:34 pm

GiftedHF . @lauralynnwalsh9: #gtchat Or they refuse to test for #gifted because they are too busy with learning disabled / or don't recongize #2ekids

12:35 pm

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AsynchSchlrsFnd Yes - critical! RT @HoagiesGifted: 2 ceilings. 1 when the child runs out of ?s. Other is when child canNOT score higher with more ? #gtchat

12:35 pm

mrsdistefano RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd: GDC recommends SB-LM < Thanks! #gtchat

12:35 pm

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AsynchSchlrsFnd RT @lauralynnwalsh9: #gtchat Or they refuse to test for #gifted because they are too busy with learning disabled /or don't recongize #2ekids

12:36 pm



DeborahMersino Q5) Think how many more gifted learners would be accelerated & served powerful (cognitively/emotionally) from info frm compr testing #gtchat

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GiftedHF RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd: Asynchronous Scholars Fund hopes to raise \$ to fund this! <http://tinyurl.com/3n54ds5> <- to learn more #gifted #gtchat

12:36 pm

ASF

AsynchSchlrsFnd If scholls listened! RT @DeborahMersino: Think how many more gifted learners would be accelerated & served w/info frm compr testing #gtchat

12:36 pm



DeborahMersino @brianhousand - Do you know of other options (individ) relative to testing &/or have suggestions? Would love to hear your thoughts. #gtchat

12:36 pm

HoagiesGifted Better testing book! Parents Guide to IQ testing and GT education <http://t.co/icZ795L> #gtchat

12:37 pm



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat: younger daughter cried throughout testing, because of fear of failure issues. Psych was great, but what to do about score?

12:37 pm

GiftedHF Q5 worth noting that testing isn't JUST for #education needs, but for social-emotional, tool #gtchat #psychology #gifted #homeschool

12:37 pm



DeborahMersino @lauralynnwalsh9 Tender... #gtchat

12:37 pm



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HoagiesGifted For acceleration research <http://t.co/f0Rs0uz> #gtchat

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AsynchSchlrsFnd Thx! RT @GiftedHF Asynchronous Scholars Fund hopes to raise \$ to fund this! <http://tinyurl.com/3n54ds5> <- to learn more #gifted #gtchat #fb

12:37 pm

GiftedHF Agreed! RT @HoagiesGifted: Better testing book! Parents Guide to IQ testing and GT education <http://tinyurl.com/3kldeid> #gtchat

12:38 pm



DeborahMersino RT @GiftedHF: Q5 worth noting that testing isnt JUST for #education needs, but for social-emotional, tool #gtchat #psychology YES! #gtchat
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TeaLiterati Good 4 parents to educate themselves on testing to understand/interpret rsIts as well. #gtchat
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DeborahMersino Even tho I've been advocating for years, I would never have predicted the results. Found that fascinating... #gtchat
12:38 pm



AsynchSchlrFnd RT @GiftedHF: Q5 worth noting that testing isnt JUST for #education needs, but for social-emotional, tool #gtchat #psychology YES! #gtchat
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DeborahMersino RT @TeaLiterati: Good 4 parents to educate themselves on testing to understand/interpret rsIts as well.<=agree #gtchat
12:38 pm



momtold_me #Moms: For acceleration research <http://t.co/f0Rs0uz> #gtchat <http://dlvr.it/ZSLX1>
12:39 pm



AsynchSchlrFnd e big fans of A Nation Deceived We arRT @DeborahMersino: RT @HoagiesGifted: For acceleration research <http://bit.ly/pvPCGP> #gtchat #fb
12:39 pm

GiftedHF Yes, indeed! RT @TeaLiterati: Good 4 parents to educate themselves on testing to understand/interpret rsIts as well. #gtchat
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AsynchSchlrFnd We are big fans of A Nation Deceived RT @DeborahMersino: RT @HoagiesGifted: For acceleration research <http://bit.ly/pvPCGP> #gtchat #fb
12:39 pm



TeaLiterati @DeborahMersino what was most surprising? #gtchat
12:40 pm



DeborahMersino Q6) What about proliferation of myths/cons relative to IQ testing? Think Dweck. How does one respond? #gtchat
12:40 pm



AsynchSchlrFnd RT @momtold_me: #Moms: For acceleration research <http://bit.ly/pvPCGP> #gtchat #education #advocacy
12:40 pm

HoagiesGifted @lauralynnwalsh9 private testers (mostly) work w/kids to help warm-up. Bring your favorite photo or toy etc Schools don't have time #gtchat
12:40 pm



ljconrad My life is a series of Post-It notes when I'm at #gtchat! <http://t.co/Sc8Hs3s>
12:40 pm

mrsdistefano Q5--Great ideas on lower costs everyone (local universities, etc.) Thanks.
12:41 pm #gtchat



AsynchSchlrFnd LOL! Love it! RT @ljconrad: My life is a series of Post-It notes when I'm at #gtchat! <http://twitpic.com/5n2mil>
12:41 pm



DeborahMersino @TeaLiterati Both dds had same GAI, found out one was 2E (thought that might be case), how high, & need 4 visual therapy. #gtchat
12:41 pm

HoagiesGifted More on Accel <http://t.co/fzi3vDB> #gtchat
12:41 pm



LisaDSB Q6) Testing identifies the raw material -- what people do with it depends on other factors. #gtchat
12:41 pm

GiftedHF Q6 proliferation of myths: just keep educating! Outreach, advocacy, personal stories... #gtchat
12:41 pm

ASF

AsynchSchlrsFnd RT @HoagiesGifted: More on Accel <http://bit.ly/pq6cl9> #gtchat #fb
12:41 pm



jofrei @AsynchSchlrsFnd @DeborahMersino Yes I'm big fan of Iowa Acceleration scale wish schools were more prepared to do it! #gtchat
12:42 pm

GiftedHF RT @LisaDSB: Q6) Testing identifies the raw material -- what people do with it depends on other factors. #gtchat // what she said!
12:42 pm



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat: @HoagiesGifted We did all that, but she still cried. Extremely sensitive.
12:42 pm



DeborahMersino Q6) I think for kids who feel out-of-sync, it benefits them powerfully (when parents/edu know true make up). #gtchat
12:42 pm



DeborahMersino RT @jofrei: @AsynchSchlrsFnd @DeborahMersino Yes Im big fan of Iowa Acceleration scale wish schools were more prepared to do it! #gtchat
12:42 pm

GiftedHF RT @lauralynnwalsh9: #gtchat: We did all that, but she still cried. Extremely sensitive. // some kids just aren't good testing candidates.
12:42 pm

HoagiesGifted @ljconrad RT My life is a series of Post-It notes when I'm at #gtchat! <-- ME! I have post-it app for PC and Droid!
12:42 pm



DeborahMersino RT @GiftedHF: Q6 proliferation of myths: just keep educating! Outreach, advocacy, personal stories... <=yes #gtchat
12:42 pm



DeborahMersino RT @LisaDSB: Q6) Testing identifies the raw material -- what people do with it depends on other factors. <=so true. #gtchat
12:43 pm



DeborahMersino RT @HoagiesGifted: More on Accel <http://t.co/fzi3vDB> #gtchat
12:43 pm



DeborahMersino RT @mrsdistefano: Q5--Great ideas on lower costs everyone (local universities, etc.) Thanks. #gtchat
12:43 pm



jofrei @ljconrad Love it! #gtchat
12:43 pm

GiftedHF . @lauralynnwalsh9: #gtchat: Fwiw testing was great for my dd, but none of the Big Names has had any luck with my ds. He's just not testable
12:43 pm

HoagiesGifted Good ?s to ask when lining up tester, even cheap testers <http://t.co/6z0PEH9>
12:43 pm #gtchat



ljconrad @HoagiesGifted <---Over-achiever! lol #gtchat
12:43 pm



DeborahMersino RT @HoagiesGifted: Good ?s to ask when lining up tester, even cheap testers <http://t.co/6z0PEH9> <=TY Carolyn. #gtchat
12:44 pm



LisaDSB RT @HoagiesGifted: Good ?s to ask when lining up tester, even cheap testers <http://t.co/6z0PEH9> #gtchat
12:44 pm



TeaLiterati @DeborahMersino Interesting! My son had vision issue (convergence) as well, which was undiagnosed early. #gtchat
12:45 pm

HoagiesGifted Q6: myths could be repaired to some degree by pre-service teacher ed. in
12:45 pm GIFTED! #gtchat



DeborahMersino Q5) What makes me sad is to think how many more kids could benefit from
12:45 pm comprehensive eval. Now, more \$ being cut/even less ID. #gtchat



ljconrad @HoagiesGifted {{scrolling through Droid apps!}} #gtchat
12:45 pm



DeborahMersino RT @HoagiesGifted: Q6: myths could be repaired to some degree by pre-
12:45 pm service teacher ed. in GIFTED! <=just was thinking THAT! #gtchat



ColoradoGKN RT @HoagiesGifted: Q6: myths could be repaired to some degree by pre-
12:45 pm service teacher ed. in GIFTED! #gtchat



jofrei RT @HoagiesGifted: Q6: myths could be repaired to some degree by pre-
12:45 pm service teacher ed. in GIFTED! YES!!! #gtchat



DeborahMersino @TeaLiterati I'm really hopeful that my youngest, in particular, will regain her
12:46 pm love for reading after visual therapy! #gtchat



brianhousand AGREE! RT @HoagiesGifted: Q6: myths could be repaired to some degree by
12:46 pm pre-service teacher ed. in GIFTED! #gtchat



TeaLiterati I think comp test. is good, to get full picture; have 2 be careful w labels. Need 2
12:46 pm see outside labels. #gtchat



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat Dumb question: where is question list?
12:46 pm



jofrei Q6 Even when shown test results some teachers will still say "Yes but I don't
12:47 pm see that" #gtchat



DeborahMersino @lauralynnwalsh9 First of all there are NO dumb ?s on #gtchat. Second, do you
12:47 pm mean questions to ask tester? Questions asked in chat? #gtchat

HoagiesGifted @lauralynnwalsh9 articles at top #gtchat - having trouble with 'net - can't look
12:47 pm now and tweet sorry



DeborahMersino RT @TeaLiterati: I think comp test. is good, to get full picture; have 2 be careful
12:48 pm w labels. Need 2 see outside labels.<say more #gtchat



ljconrad We also need some PD for teachers already on the ground! #gtchat
12:48 pm



ColoradoGKN @DeborahMersino @TeaLiterati my son also needed vt but the love of reading
12:48 pm came back with audio books. accomodations! #gtchat



DeborahMersino Armed w/specifcics/knowledge, parents/educators can do so much more to meet
12:48 pm the childs' needs. #gtchat

mrsdistefano RT @jofrei: Q6 Even when shown test results some teachers will still say "Yes
12:48 pm but I dont see that" < shows need to Educate reGT #gtchat



DeborahMersino @ColoradoGKN @DeborahMersino @TeaLiterati So glad you shared that.
12:49 pm Thanks! #gtchat



gjaimojosephine My computer just rebooted, I'm back...#gtchat
12:49 pm

HoagiesGifted @TeaLiterati to me, labels not important. Timely remediation for auditory, vision
12:49 pm (sight & processing) issues < self-esteem is key #gtchat

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AsynchSchlrsFnd This is why we love GDC - they parse this, in our experience RT
12:49 pm @lauralynnwalsh9: #gtchat: daughter cried throughout testing...

GiftedHF We need outreach for not just teachers: coaches, relatives, gen public! #gtchat
12:49 pm



DeborahMersino RT @ljconrad: We also need some PD for teachers already on the ground!
12:49 pm <=Yes...PD more critical than ever... #gtchat

HoagiesGifted @jofrei shows need for pre-service education! #gtchat
12:49 pm



TeaLiterati Can't let the child become the label, or be defined by the label/s; need 2
12:50 pm integrate the testing info but not b limited by it. #gtchat

GiftedHF MT @ColoradoGKN: accomodations! #gtchat // Yes! My ds listens to
12:50 pm audiobooks while building w legos!



jofrei RT @HoagiesGifted: @jofrei shows need for pre-service education! Yes!
12:50 pm #gtchat



giamojosephine RT @DeborahMersino: @TeaLiterati It's like advocacy crack...can't read
12:50 pm through it fast enough... #gtchat ...plse provide reference. I'm in!



DeborahMersino The recent article @MaryStGeorge posted bashing NZ Gifted Awareness Week
12:50 pm is just one example of need for public advocacy. #gtchat

GiftedHF Agreed. RT @DeborahMersino: Armed w/specifcics/knowledge, parents/
12:50 pm educators can do so much more to meet the childs' needs. #gtchat

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AsynchSchlrsFnd RT @DeborahMersino: Q5) What makes me sad is to think how many more
12:50 pm kids could benefit from comprehensive eval. \$ cut=even less ID. #gtchat



brianhousand It also helps when states require certification for gifted teachers #gtchat
12:50 pm



Elle_Gifted RT @ljconrad: We also need some PD for teachers already on the ground!
12:51 pm #gtchat



DeborahMersino RT @brianhousand: It also helps when states require certification for gifted
12:51 pm teachers <=yes. #gtchat



giamojosephine RT @ColoradoGKN: Q5 some schools get it and can work with group testing to
12:51 pm get the big picture. need educators, psych, testers with GT education. #gtchat

ASF

AsynchSchlrsFnd RT @ljconrad: We also need some PD for teachers already on the ground!
12:51 pm #gtchat Yes, there should be a foundation for this! Anyone? ;-)





DeborahMersino So,we're back to advocacy (not surprisingly)! #gtchat
12:51 pm


GiftedHF #gtchat @TeaLiterati Re labels: They are a tool, and like all tools, they can be
12:51 pm used well or used poorly. #gifted





TeaLiterati @HoagiesGifted absolutely right re labels! #gtchat
12:51 pm

 **AsynchSchlrFnd** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat @TeaLiterati Re labels: They are a tool, and like all
12:51 pm tools, they can be used well or used poorly. #gifted


 **DeborahMersino** What I love and appreciate is the ability to access so much excellent research
12:52 pm online. SM might be able to help w/PD!! #gtchat


 **AsynchSchlrFnd** @DeborahMersino and all, must duck out for meeting, sorry - thanks for
12:52 pm excellent #gtchat!


 **giaimojosephine** #gtchat Or, they refuse to test for giftedness, because they are too busy with
12:52 pm learning disabled. <== or they have an ideological bias? Hm?


 **ljconrad** @DeborahMersino Advocacy is the natural result of testing! :) #gtchat
12:52 pm


HoagiesGifted @brianhousand too many state certs have grandfather clause, gt teachers get
12:52 pm in free... but don't really KNOW. #gtchat


 **TeaLiterati** @GiftedHF yes, absolutely, tools to be used, hopefully well! #gtchat
12:53 pm


 **DeborahMersino** @brianhousand - Do you want to share about Confratuate? Brian will be
12:53 pm presenting (and hopefully tweeting) from Confratuate. #gtchat


 **DeborahMersino** RT @ljconrad: @DeborahMersino Advocacy is the natural result of testing! :)
12:53 pm #gtchat


 **giaimojosephine** RT @HoagiesGifted: Many psychs don't realize there are 2 ceilings. 1 when the
12:53 pm child runs out of ?s. Other is when child canNOT score higher with more ?
#gtchat

 **lauralynnwaish9** #gtchat years ago, I took PRAXIS in gifted education. Most questions were
12:53 pm about West Virginia - only state to require test for GT teachers.


 **giaimojosephine** RT @AsynchSchlrFnd: Have a link to share? RT @giaimojosephine: "From
12:54 pm Emotions to Advocacy" #gtchat <== See: wrightslaw.com


 **ljconrad** @HoagiesGifted AMEN to that! Or they 'bid' into positions they have no
12:54 pm experience in! #gtchat


 **DeborahMersino** We have just a few minutes left. I've appreciated everyone's input. Final
12:54 pm thoughts, questions, needs, hopes? #gtchat


 **jofrei** @DeborahMersino There is plenty of Gifted PD available both IRL and online
12:54 pm but often teachers do not have time or inclination #gtchat

GiftedHF Good stuff! RT @giaimojosephine: "From Emotions to Advocacy" #gtchat <==
12:54 pm See: wrightslaw.com

 **DeborahMersino** @jofrei Hoping tide is changing/many top educators involved in SM. Powerful/
12:56 pm Hope we can turn on some of these edtech fans onto GT PD #gtchat

 **giaimojosephine** Comprehensive testing can be terrific. But sharing results, and acting to
12:56 pm accommodate gifted must follow, or else what's the point? #gtchat

 **DeborahMersino** Also, GDC <http://gifteddevelopment.com/> does offer a Needs Assessment for
12:56 pm parents. Can be done in lieu of testing. Much cheaper. #gtchat

 **jofrei** @DeborahMersino @jofrei Yes! #gtchat
12:56 pm



DeborahMersino It's not as comprehensive, but can point parents in the right direction. #gtchat
12:57 pm

GiftedHF True, @giaimojosephine , but with comp testing you can be more specific in
12:57 pm advocacy. #gtchat



TeaLiterati Sounds like a good resource. #gtchat
12:57 pm



lauralynnwalsh9 #gtchat Is there a computerized test available? Similar to MAP tests.
12:57 pm



giaimojosephine RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd: If scholls listened! #gtchat <== If schools listened...
12:58 pm Exactly! SO TRUE. So many don't. It's prob ignorance/ideology



DeborahMersino If you haven't commented, would love your support on this post thanking our
12:58 pm sponsors: <http://bit.ly/qWlf86> #gtchat Takes just a minute!

GiftedHF MT @DeborahMersino: Also, GDC <http://gifteddevelopment.com/> offers Needs
12:58 pm Assessment. Can be done in lieu of testing. Much cheaper. #gtchat



demom2gifted you can also check into Dr. Deborah Ruf's Talent Igniter #gtchat
12:58 pm



DeborahMersino Please continue to share your insights, expertise, and advocacy resources
12:58 pm broadly in your local communities and online! #gtchat



giaimojosephine #gtchat: younger daughter cried throughout testing, ...Psych was great, but what
12:58 pm to do about score? <== It's a false negative, that's all!



brianhousand RT @HoagiesGifted too many state certs have grandfather clause - in NC new
12:59 pm certs take place at approved university programs #gtchat



AsynchSchlrsFnd RT @DeborahMersino: Also, GDC <http://gifteddevelopment.com/> offers Needs
12:59 pm Assessment. Can be done in lieu of testing. Much cheaper. #gtchat



giaimojosephine RT @TeaLiterati: Good 4 parents to educate themselves on testing to
12:59 pm understand/interpret rsults as well. #gtchat



ljconrad Social Media can bridge gaps, build relationships, and spark advocacy! Must
12:59 pm involve teachers and parents! #gtchat



DeborahMersino RT @demom2gifted: you can also check into Dr. Deborah Rufs Talent Igniter
12:59 pm <=grateful you mentioned that! Thank you. #gtchat



DeborahMersino RT @ljconrad: Social Media can bridge gaps, build relationships, and spark
12:59 pm advocacy! Must involve teachers and parents! <=well said. #gtchat



Elle_Gifted @lauralynnwalsh9 There is! Don't know name but my district is looking into it.
1:00 pm Prints out graph with IQ scores. Pretty neat!#gtchat



DeborahMersino I'm looking forward to seeing what role google+ might play in our efforts down
1:00 pm the line relative to presentations, chats, etc! #gtchat



brianhousand RT @DeborahMersino: #Confratute taking place next week at UCONN will be
1:00 pm posting regular updates and promoting #gtchat stay tuned #gtchat



DeborahMersino Thank you all! That's it. A small, but mighty group today. I appreciate your
1:01 pm thoughts, resources, etc. Join us at 7pm/EDT! #gtchat



DeborahMersino RT @brianhousand RT @DeborahMersino #Confratute taking place next week
1:01 pm @ UCONN will be posting regular updates and promoting #gtchat #gtchat



ljconrad @DeborahMersino I'm in! Google+ rocks! #gtchat
1:01 pm



TeaLiterati @DeborahMersino Thank you! #gtchat
1:01 pm



jofrei @DeborahMersino Thank you very much for another great chat! #gtchat
1:01 pm

mrsdistefano Thanks so much for all the great info!!! #gtchat
1:01 pm



giamojosephine Q6: #gtchat I'd send them to Hoagies, myself (smile). Educate! Dispel the
1:01 pm myths. Replace fiction with facts. Share compelling stories!



Ingennios @DeborahMersino Thank you! Love learning from the #gtchat crew!
1:02 pm



TxParentingPG @ljconrad #gtchat added you to my gifted circle Lisa! Welcome aboard!
1:02 pm



giamojosephine RT @GiftedHF: Q6 proliferation of myths: just keep educating! Outreach,
1:03 pm advocacy, personal stories... #gtchat



jofrei @ljconrad @DeborahMersino I need to find out about Google + please #gtchat
1:03 pm



ljconrad @TxParentingPG Yes! :D #gtchat
1:03 pm



Ingennios RT @jofrei: @ljconrad @DeborahMersino I need to find out about Google +
1:03 pm please #gtchat//+1



staciataylor RT @ljconrad: Social Media can bridge gaps, build relationships, and spark
1:03 pm advocacy! Must involve teachers and parents! #gtchat



DeborahMersino RT @Ingennios @DeborahMersino Thank you! Love learning from the #gtchat
1:03 pm crew! <=wish I were bilingual, so I could understand your videos!



Ingennios RT @DeborahMersino: RT @Ingennios wish I were bilingual, so I could
1:04 pm understand your videos!//We'll make some in English #gtchat



giamojosephine Q6: myths could be repaired to some degree by pre-service teacher ed. in
1:04 pm GIFTED! <=just was thinking THAT! #gtchat <== It comes back to ed!