HAVE A FAST LEARNER CHILD?

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Having kids that are considered as fast or gifted learners is such a great blessing for a parent. But together with this comes the various responsibilities that they should fulfill wherein knowing what they capacities are is a good start to do it.

Fast learners are the people classified as gifted having extremely high intelligence or exceptional creative or both in one or more areas like drama, art, leadership, mathematics, and science.

They are characterized by having extraordinary quantitative information, high level of language development, unusual capacity for processing information, and a persistent, goal directed behavior. And when it comes to their affective domains, they have unusual sensitivity to the expectations and feeling of others. They also have a keen sense of humor and advance moral judgments.

Despite the good qualities of the fast learners in various domains of learning, they frequently have a poor power when it comes to physical performances like low tolerance for log between standards and athletic skills.

Educating gifted learners is also a big challenge for the ones around them. Teachers play a vital role in doing this and to accomplish it correctly, these educators should assure that the learners will receive individualize services and supports from caring and competent professional educators. They should also create the context for high quality practice and they should recruit and prepare sufficient qualified diverse, special educators to fill the demands. But most especially, the part of their parents will make a great impact on them by helping them to be comfortable with themselves and seeking help to develop the maximum of their potentials.
There are also placement options for educating these kids like the “course acceleration” where they are allowed to test out and bypass specific subjects or skill level. In this, they may receive some instructions at a higher level with another group of students yet remain with their peer for most of their instructions. Children who are fast learners can also have grade acceleration where they will move ahead one or more years, skipping levels in the normal sequence of promotion, traditionally used.

Another placement option is the flexible placing that places the fast learners at an appropriate instructional level and allows them to move in a curriculum as they achieve mastery of content and skills. On the other hand, the most widespread among these placement options is the special class where gifted learners are grouped on one class. Other options are the early entrance, grade acceleration, concurrent, completer course, summer program, summer program, special school, and independent study program.

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