

WHY “GIFTED”?

Our view of giftedness is geared towards the whole child, not just intellectual giftedness, but also the social, emotional, and sensory intensities and asynchronies that are part of the package.

Working with gifted children can be both challenging and rewarding. Gifted children are many ages at once—ten when they read, but six when they write; or years ahead in math, but age-level socially.



The further along the spectrum of giftedness children are, the more intense those challenges and rewards can be; intensity defines the highly, exceptionally, and (in particular) profoundly gifted child. Add any other learning differences—twice exceptionalities—and you have what can be a truly tremendous and astonishing experience.

Custom, home-based, and alternative educational options allow families to address these needs, and GHF helps them do so with the resources we provide.

WHY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION?

Schools serve a critical role in our society, but not every school is a good match for every child. Homeschooling and other alternative educational paths can be ideal for gifted children, because they provide an education tailored to individual intellectual, social, and emotional needs.

GHF exists because most homeschool and alternative education organizations do not address giftedness and school-based gifted programs, when they exist, often do not serve children whose intense giftedness or twice exceptionalities (giftedness with learning disabilities, also referred to as 2e) require home-based supplementation or truly customized schooling.

We view homeschooling broadly and inclusively. Our membership is diverse and far-flung, hailing from across the U.S. and the world. Many families that use homeschooling as an alternative do so more “on the go” than at home, with heavy community involvement and plenty of driving to outsourced classes, play dates, park days, museums, and the like. Learning at home can also co-exist with enrollment full- or part-time in a school.

GHF aims to support all these approaches with education, advocacy, and community.

A FORUM FOR SUPPORT

As the number of gifted homeschoolers has grown, so has the need for them to have access to relevant resources. An equally critical need is to connect families who share similar situations.

To respond to these needs, GHF has curated resources on its website. These include a clearinghouse of information about existing homeschooling and gifted support resources; printable brochures for educators and healthcare professionals; an entire section on twice exceptionalities, including a printable brochure on that topic; and other resources.

GHF also hosts a forum for professionals who work with gifted children in education, advocacy, and healthcare, providing information, support, and networking.

We offer GHF Online Classes for gifted students seeking more demanding challenges than what might be offered in schools.

Our GHF Press books address many of the issues gifted families face, such as choosing the best educational fit, using technology, working while homeschooling, higher education, social development, and more.

Perhaps most importantly, we offer an online community for gifted homeschooling families. The resources and support families offer one another are immeasurable. Find us at <http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/>.

CONNECTING ONLINE

To help gifted families connect, GHF sponsors an email distribution list. Join us at <http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/online-community/>.

GHF also offers a smaller list dedicated to professionals who work with this community. Professional resources can be found at <http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/ghf-professionals/>.

You can also visit GHF's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GiftedHomeschoolersForum>. We are on Twitter at @GiftedHF, and we have dedicated Tumblr and Pinterest pages.

GHF MEMBERSHIP

When you become a supporting member, you help us continue our work for the GHF community. Membership benefits include discounts on books, services, conferences, speakers, and GHF Online courses, as well as access to GHF Groups, an online support resource exclusively for GHF supporting members. You can also request a membership card with your name on it.

To join GHF, visit our website at <http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/membership-options/>.

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