

**Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted**

There are strong tendencies in the feelings and behaviors among gifted & talented students regarding their social and emotional development that can inform parents and teachers, helping them to understand the response they receive from their children and students. This presentation will address our best understanding of what giftedness is and how it affects individuals, not only in positive ways, but for some, in problematic ways. Information will also be shared about the emerging research on “Mindset” and why it is not helpful to refer to a child being “smart,” and the advantages inherent in focusing on effort and perseverance in the child’s performance and behaviors.

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