

Twice Exceptional Students

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OLENTANGY PORTRAIT OF LEARNER

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PURPOSEFUL

Learners know what matters to them. They are aware of what motivates them and have a clear sense of who they are. Their actions are intentional.

LEARNERS WILL...

- + Explore their interests and passions
- + Engage in authentic and relevant learning opportunities
- + Develop a network to nurture their interest
- + Create work for a specific audience



RESILIENT

Learners can bounce back from adversity. They create meaningful goals and understand that failure is part of the process. They see challenges as opportunities for growth.

LEARNERS WILL...

- + Fail and try again
- + Set goals outside of their comfort zone
- + Reflect on their weaknesses and make adjustments
- + Use strategies to effectively manage their behavior, emotions, and thinking



CURIOUS

Learners seek solutions to problems. They ask questions. They utilize critical and creative thinking to tackle challenging tasks. They are lifelong students.

LEARNERS WILL...

- + Engage in and produce meaningful work
- + Be presented with complex problems
- + Evaluate a variety of solutions
- + Develop new ideas that impact the local, regional, and global community



KIND

Learners bring out the best in others. They respect different points of view and demonstrate empathy for people both inside and outside of their community.

LEARNERS WILL...

- + Explore diverse perspectives
- + Become increasingly open-minded
- + Solve problems alongside people who are different than themselves
- + Make decisions that benefit society as a whole



Goals

- Define twice exceptional
- Identify common misconceptions
- Understand the importance of advocacy-
student and parent
- Obtain ideas for supporting students at home
and at school



Who Are Twice Exceptional Students?

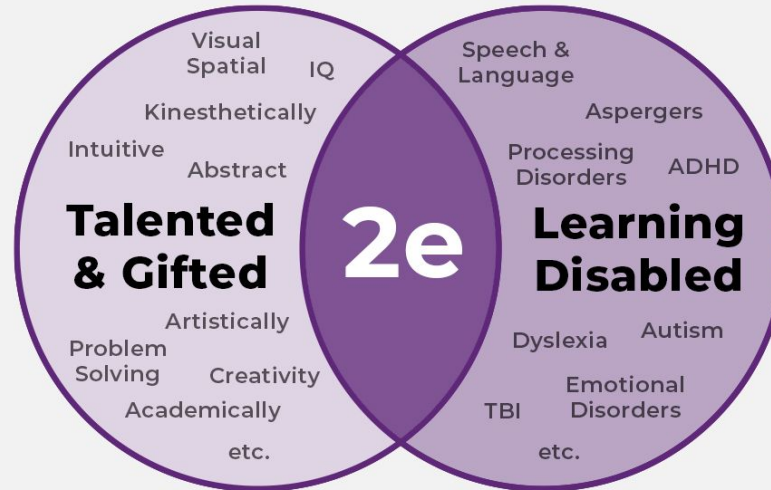
- High achievement in specific academic areas
- High general intellectual ability
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Visual and performing arts

AND

- Give evidence for one or more disabilities as defined by federal or state eligibility criteria



What is a 2e / Twice-Exceptional Student?



Seth's Definition: 2e or Twice Exceptional refers to a neurodiverse learner who has two or more "exceptionalities" that must be properly addressed in order to meet their atypical needs. Usually a gifted person with learning challenges.



Misconceptions

- Being gifted makes up for having a disability
- Students can't be gifted and lack basic skills
- 2E students aren't eligible for IEPs or 504 plans
- Giftedness and challenges can't be addressed at the same time
- Addressing weaknesses should be the top priority when helping 2E students
- 2E students need accommodations, so they can't be in AP classes



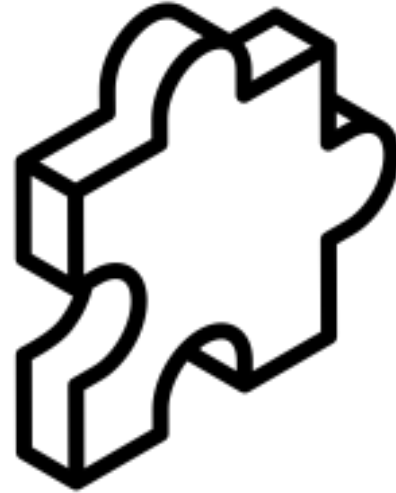
Long-Term Impact of Being Undiagnosed

- Never receive the accommodations or tools they need
- Don't have the terminology to express their needs or self-advocate
- Feel misunderstood
- Often 'gifted kid burnout' are essentially undiagnosed twice-exceptional people



Five Skills All Twice-Exceptional Kids Need

- Self-Advocacy
- Emotional Regulation
- Executive Functioning
- Effective Social Communication
- Self-Directed Motivation



(from the book Raising Twice-Exceptional Children by Emily Kircher-Morris)



Advocacy

Student	Parent
Know self- strengths and weaknesses	Share child's interests, passions, strengths, areas for growth with school team
Advocate for opportunities to choose	Teach self advocacy skills
	Collaborate with School Team



How to Support at School

- Whole child approach
- Strengths based instruction
- Foster social/emotional development
- Provide support for organization or executive functioning



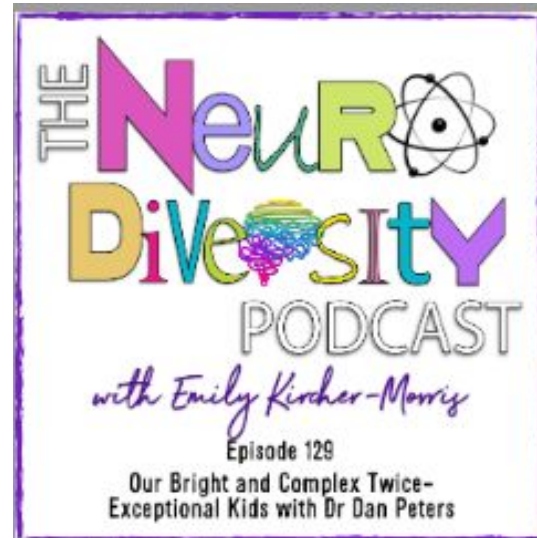
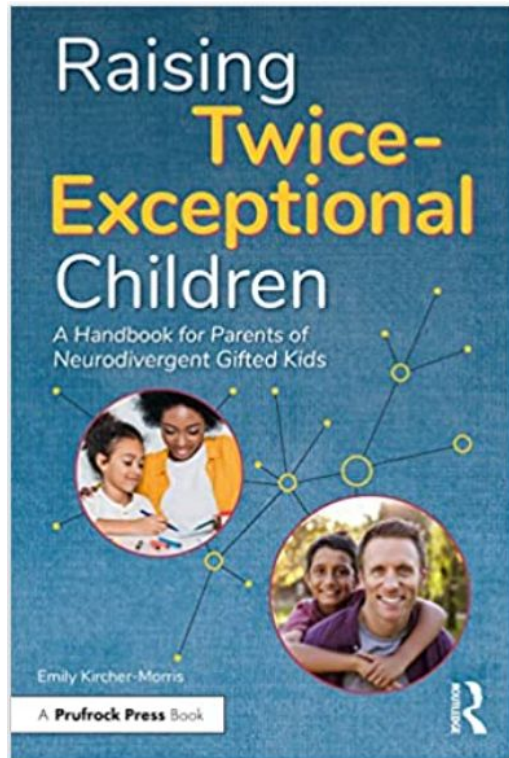
How to Support At Home



- Focus on strengths
- Partner with school
- Out of school enrichment activities
- Join parent support groups



Resources



Resources

Websites:

- [Is My Child 2E or Twice Exceptional](#)
- [Let's Talk 2E- With Understanding Comes Calm](#)
- [Reacting vs. Responding](#)
- [2e, ADHD, and Autism: Life as a 2E Adult](#)
- Facebook: 2e News by Bridges Media; Parents of Twice Exceptional Children (2E)





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