

In order to help parents consider their child's needs and abilities, below is a comparison developed by

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It is also available online at: <http://www.bownet.org/besgifted/brightvs.htm>

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### **A BRIGHT CHILD**

Knows the answers

Is interested.

Is attentive

Has good ideas

Works hard.

Answers the questions.

Top group.

Listens with interest.

Learns with ease.

Six to eight repetitions for mastery.

Understands ideas.

Enjoys peers

Grasps the meaning.

Completes assignments.

Is receptive.

Copies accurately.

Enjoys school.

Absorbs information.

Technician.

Good memorizer.

Enjoys straightforward sequential presentation.

Is alert.

Is pleased with own learning

### **A GIFTED LEARNER**

Asks the questions.

Is highly curious.

Is mentally and physically involved

Has wild, silly ideas.

Plays around, yet tests well.

Discusses in detail, elaborates.

Beyond the group.

Shows strong feeling and opinions.

Already knows.

One to two repetitions for mastery.

Constructs abstractions.

Prefers adults.

Draws inferences.

Initiates projects.

Is intense.

Creates a new design.

Enjoys learning.

Manipulates information

Inventor.

Good guesser.

Thrives on complexity.

Is keenly observant.

Is highly self-critical.

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