



## EVIDENCE ADVOCACY CENTER

### Advanced/Gifted/High Potential Learners

#### Resource Menu

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#### Defining

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### General

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## Websites (Some of the many websites providing resources)

[\*National Association for Gifted Children\*](#)

[\*Acceleration Institute at the Belin-Blank Center\*](#)

[\*Davidson Institute\*](#)

[\*Gifted Education Resource Institute, Purdue University\*](#)

[\*Programs for Talented Youth, Vanderbilt University\*](#)

[\*Gifted Education Services for Educators and Schools Northwestern\*](#)

[\*Massachusetts Association for Gifted Education \(MAGE\)\*](#)

[\*The Ohio Association for Gifted Children\*](#)

[\*Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented\*](#)



## Two Highly Recommended Books

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