

Twice Exceptional Characteristics Checklist

Child's Name: _____ Filled out by: _____

This checklist is a short-hand way for me to get a sense of the areas in which your child may be exhibiting twice exceptional symptoms. Please place a check mark next to each description that fits.

- 🍏 Is your child asynchronous – i.e. more advanced than his or her peers in some respects but significantly less so in others?
- 🍏 Is there a discrepancy between your child's ability to comprehend ideas and his or her output?
- 🍏 Does your child appear to be smarter and more capable than grades or test scores suggest?
- 🍏 Does your child have a sophisticated vocabulary and/or strong oral comprehension, but struggle with the mechanics of reading or writing?
- 🍏 Does it take your child a lot longer to complete homework than his or her peers?
- 🍏 Is your child a good mathematical thinker, yet struggles with performing calculations accurately and/or has found it hard to memorize math facts?
- 🍏 Does your child need more parent/teacher support in academic learning, social interaction, and/or organization than his or her peers?
- 🍏 Does your child have wonderful ideas, yet fail to reliably implement them?
- 🍏 Does your child have an ability to hyperfocus deeply in areas of interest, but is inattentive to things other children seem to have less difficulty paying attention to?
- 🍏 Does your child prefer to play with or converse with older children and adults?
- 🍏 Does your child worry more about existential questions like the purpose of life or focus intensely on questions of fairness and justice?
- 🍏 Does your child tend to question rules and authority, be opinionated and or argumentative?
- 🍏 Does your child exhibit great curiosity for why things are the way they are, constantly asking why and questioning – perhaps interrupting others and at the cost of actually doing their assigned homework?
- 🍏 Is your child experiencing anxiety/loneliness/loss of self-esteem due to their “failure” to fit in with their more neurotypical peers?
- 🍏 Does your child have a quick wit or a unique sense of humor?
- 🍏 Is your child's academic performance inconsistent or uneven?
- 🍏 Does your child have much more difficulty with social interactions than his or her peers?
- 🍏 Were you caught off guard when you're clearly bright child experienced challenges once formal schooling began?
- 🍏 Does your child have a lot to communicate but find it very difficult to put their ideas down in writing?
- 🍏 Does your child struggle with perfectionism or frustrations due to the discrepancy between their ability and performance?

