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QUESTIONS ABOUT CHOOSING A SCHOOL FOR YOUR GIFTED CHILD

What trouble parents most is choosing appropriate schools for their children. They worry about not only the suitability of the school's pedagogy for their children but also the possibility that the teachers may fail to cater for their children's learning needs. Schools will change their policies in every aspect to adjust themselves to the needs of the society. When making a choice of school for your child, you must identify your own expectations to ensure your aspirations are in line with the objectives and policies of the school. By doing so, you can avoid being caught in the middle of a dilemma that the school fails to provide appropriate support to your child while you cannot transfer your child to another school easily. The following questions may prove useful in helping you decide whether a school is suitable for your child:

- ☺ Does the school have any policies on making provisions for gifted or high ability students?
- ☺ Where can parents find the information on these policies?
- ☺ Are these provisions made for the whole school?
- ☺ What is the school's definition of giftedness?
- ☺ How can teachers identify gifted children?
- ☺ Are there any teachers who have been trained for gifted education? What subjects are they responsible for?
- ☺ How do teachers make provisions for gifted children inside or outside the classroom?
- ☺ What are the criteria for obtaining these provisions?
- ☺ For which levels are these provisions made?
- ☺ Does the school group the students according to their abilities?
- ☺ Does the school adopt methods such as acceleration or grade skipping?
- ☺ Does the school have any Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) for gifted children?
- ☺ Do the teachers have any knowledge in twice exceptionality?
- ☺ Does the school have any experiences in supporting twice-exceptional children?

You can get the answers to the questions above through other parents' experience, school websites and parent associations. But the best way is to pay a visit to the school to obtain the information from the principal or teachers in person.

References:

Partner School Web

<http://resources.edb.gov.hk/gifted/ps>

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