

An Appropriate Accommodation for Gifted Learners?

So what's all the fuss about accelerating students in BC?



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Extensive research has demonstrated that acceleration is an effective and appropriate method to cater for gifted students academically, socially and emotionally (Assouline et al., 2015a, 2015b; Colangelo et al., 2004a; Colangelo et al., 2004b).

Maureen's career as an educator has focused on 'low floor, high ceiling' teaching to provide entry points for the variety of levels learners bring to any classroom. She has experienced acceleration when, in the transition from elementary to High School in the 60's, she was in an accelerated program in Richmond. She brings a reflective perspective to the acceleration conversation. She has worked in 4 school districts, teaching grade K to 12 students. In Richmond, at Hugh Boyd Secondary, she taught in the Incentive Program, designed to provide students educational opportunities at a pace and level based on their potential, readiness, and willingness to learn in order to achieve a better fit between the learner and the curriculum. She and her husband Gary have raised gifted twin boys and their 5 grandchildren are gifted. They currently serve on the Board of Directors of Choice School.

Date: April 22, 2025

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Choice School Gym

20451 Westminster Hwy, North, Richmond BC

Please RSVP for this event by using this link : [RSVP](#)

Child care will be offered, please include how many children and their age in your RSVP