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I have worked in gifted education for my entire professional career. I graduated with honors from the University of Florida in 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in Education, specializations in gifted education and psychology. I earned my Master's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1999 with an emphasis in gifted education. I earned a PhD in Educational Administration at Mizzou. My dissertation was on underachieving gifted secondary students with motivation as the theoretical framework. I earned National Board Certification in November, 2002, and renewed it in 2012.

I was the Supervisor of Gifted Education for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from December, 1994 through August, 1999. I am a charter member and current Chairperson of the State-wide Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Students. This will be my 23rd year in the Columbia Public Schools and my 29th year in public education and I have taught gifted students from Kindergarten through high school.

Both my boys participated in the EEE program so I have experienced the program from the point of view of a parent, teacher, and coordinator. Gifted kids have unique academic and social/emotional needs that require support in order for them to reach their full potential.