

# Turn the Myths Around: A Gifted Childs Bill of Rights

## Equal Rights are NOT Special Rights

- ✓ **I have a right** to be challenged so that I can learn how to work hard and become resilient.
- ✓ **I have a right** to make mistakes. It does not mean I'm not gifted. It means I am human.
- ✓ **I have a right** for my strengths to be recognized. Recognition will not make me egotistical, but it might keep me from thinking there is something wrong with me.
- ✓ **I have a right** to be different, and to be accepted for who I am. I feel different enough already. Your acceptance helps me to know I am not broken.
- ✓ **I have the right** to be friends with whomever I want. Forcing me to be friends with people my age may be emotionally damaging to me.
- ✓ **I have the right** to be looked at as a human being. Nobody should ever assume that everything in my life is okay just because I am smart.