

DO ANY OF THESE
CHARACTERISTICS DESCRIBE
YOUR CHILD OR A STUDENT
YOU TEACH OR KNOW?

- ✓ Consistently ahead of the class.
- ✓ Learns quickly and has an amazing memory.
- ✓ Perfectionist / procrastinator who frets over details.
- ✓ Has a passion and intensity for learning.
- ✓ Uses advanced, adult-like vocabulary.
- ✓ Under-achiever in preference to attempting and failing.
- ✓ Highly imaginative or creative.
- ✓ Tests or performs at unusually high levels for his/her age.
- ✓ Easily bored with routine class work and protests loudly or tunes out.
- ✓ Independent worker who does not like to work in groups.

If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes," then Farmington TAL (Together for Accelerated Learners) is the group for you!

TAL (tawl) noun

1. an acronym for **Together for Accelerated Learners**
2. a diverse group of parents, teachers, and administrators working together to focus on identifying and sponsoring opportunities for children to connect with their peers.

TAL will educate, inform and unify parents and the school community to bring additional services and resources to gifted and high achieving students. As part of the Farmington PTA Council Enrichment Committee, and in partnership with the Michigan Association for the Gifted Child, Farmington TAL works in cooperation with the Farmington Public Schools.

Membership is open to all interested parties with a focus on the Farmington area.

Is Your Child an Accelerated Learner?

Check out Farmington TAL:

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Membership Benefits

- ◇ Regular e-mail announcements about upcoming meetings and events.
- ◇ Regular information about policies and program options within the Farmington Public Schools.
- ◇ Invitations to social and educational gatherings aimed
- ◇ at nurturing a community of support and encouragement for children and parents.
- ◇ Overviews of state and national issues and trends affecting high-achieving students through the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education (The Alliance). Additional workshops and opportunities available with membership. Visit the Michigan Alliance on the web at www.migiftedchild.org.
- ◇ Support and guidance for parents.

Why should you join TAL?

TAL is committed to increasing the academic opportunities available to high-achieving students in the Farmington Public Schools. We seek to meet the unique academic, emotional and social needs of accelerated learners. As an advocacy group, we aim to:

- ❖ Educate the community and parents about the needs of highly capable students
- ❖ Encourage development of enrichment activities and programs
- ❖ Provide support for parents and professionals
- ❖ Lobby for state and national legislation on behalf of accelerated learners
- ❖ Facilitate networking opportunities for parents, teachers and administrators

What does TAL hope to achieve for our children?

- We want our children to come to school and be challenged academically every day.
- We want our children and their unique learning styles to be understood.
- We want the teachers, principals, and the entire learning community to be proficient in gifted education.
- We want our children to have opportunities to discuss among academic peers every day.
- We want teachers and administrators to match our 100% level of commitment to our children's academic, social and emotional needs.
- We want opportunities for children to develop academic, social and emotional skills.

For more information about membership in TAL, please visit our website:

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