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I am thankful for gifted education because it...

Gives me chances I wouldn't get. I have 5 brothers and sisters so we don't have a lot of money to go places and do things. My mom and dad work hard though. They taught me that that is important too.

Includes computers, experiments and makes learning FUN. School is not very fun a lot of times.

Furtheres my education. My teacher tries but I can learn new things in gifted class rather than keep repeating things I already know. My mom says I need to go to college and I always work to that.

Takes me beyond the classroom. I can go to outer space or under the sea through the computer, books or video clips.

Expects me to look deeper inside of me for answers. I can't just give the answer but have to explain why I think so, how I know that, what proof do I have, and what else can I say about it.

Develops my interest and my skills. I can learn about things I like and in ways I am know I am good at.

Expands the classroom to the world. My gifted teacher shows us that everywhere we are is a learning place and we are not limited by the classroom walls.

Demands me to think and explore, ask and find, wonder and discover.

Understands we are all different, special and one of a kind. Nobody is like me.

Challenges me to do my best. There are no limits unless I set them.

Allows for field trips that schools have no money for.

Takes me where I am at and helps me grow.

Increases my chances of a better future. It shows me all the world has to offer. It tells me I can do anything.

Opens doors and turns on lights. My brain opens up and the light bulb goes on.

Never says, "No, that's not how you do it..."; "No, that's not right..."; "You will never get it..."; "It's too hard ... just give up."

It just tells me, "What was my thinking on that?"