

The Visual-Spatial Learner

Understanding & Reaching Kids Who Learn Differently

featuring

Linda Silverman, Ph.D.

Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education
2010 Spring Conferences



April 26, April 28, or April 30, 2010

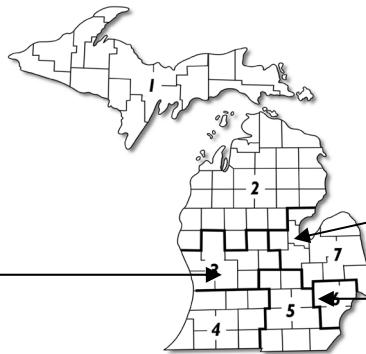
Are you a regular classroom teacher, special educator, teacher/coordinator for the gifted, counselor, psychologist, or a parent of a student who is a puzzlement? You are invited to join others for one of our all-day conferences presented by Dr. Linda Silverman, world-renowned leader in the fields of education and psychological assessment. Explore issues that support or hinder talent development for visual-spatial learners — those students who do not conform to traditional academic settings and expectations and need recognition and support in order for their gifts and talents to be valued and developed. An engaging and dynamic presenter, Linda Silverman will enhance your understanding of visual-spatial learners and provide you with practical solutions that can be implemented in school or at home. This is an opportunity close to home that you won't want to miss!

Target Audience: Special educators, regular classroom teachers, teachers/coordinators for the gifted, alternative education specialists, counselors, psychologists, administrators, and parents.

Identical presentations will be offered in three locations—you decide whether the Grand Rapids site, the Bay City site, or the Novi site is closer to home or works better for your calendar:

In Grand Rapids:
Monday, April 26, 2010
8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Site: **Kent ISD**
2930 Knapp Street, NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
www.kentisd.org



In Bay City:

Wednesday, April 28, 2010
8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Site: **Bay-Arenac ISD**
Educational Service Center
4228 Two Mile Road
Bay City, MI 48706
www.baisd.net

In Novi:

Friday, April 30, 2010
8:30 am - 4:15 pm

Site: **Novi Instructional Tech Center**
25345 Taft Road
Novi, MI 48374
www.novi.k12.mi.us

**Featured Speaker
Linda Silverman, Ph.D.**



Linda Silverman, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist, noted author, editor, researcher, and popular speaker. She directs the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development, and its subsidiary, the Gifted Development Center, in Denver, Colorado. Her Ph.D. is in educational psychology and special education from the University of Southern California. For nine years, she served on the faculty of the University of Denver in counseling psychology and gifted education. Her textbook, *Counseling the Gifted and Talented* (Love: 1993), is the most popular text in this area; it has been adopted at more than 50 colleges and universities. Her most recent book, *Upside Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner*, was released in 2002. Currently, she is conducting research on profoundly gifted children, the visual-spatial learner, comparative assessment of the gifted on different instruments, the effects of vision therapy, and introversion. She has been appointed to the American Psychological Association task force on giftedness, the National Association for Gifted Children task force on social and emotional needs of the gifted, and the expert panel guiding the next revision of the *Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale* for Riverside Publishing. Linda has been studying the assessment, psychology and education of the gifted since 1961 and she has contributed over 300 articles and chapters in this field. A passionate advocate for both gifted and learning-disabled children, Linda affirms the positive aspects of thinking and feeling differently.

Dr. Silverman will spend the day speaking about:

The Visual-Spatial Learner: Understanding and Reaching Kids Who Learn Differently. Most people think in words; however, one-third of the student body thinks in images, and this percentage is growing. School was designed for auditory-sequential, left-hemispheric students who process in words. High achievers are advanced in reading, writing, spelling, calculation, and memorization, and perform well under timed conditions. Visual-spatial learners are gifted in right-hemispheric abilities, such as imagination, visualization, intuitive knowledge, multi-dimensional perception, science, and technology, holistic thinking, creativity, artistic expression (music, dance, art, drama), and emotional responsiveness. These gifts are vital to employment in the 21st century and need to be nurtured. Specific strategies for identifying and teaching visual-spatial learners will be presented, including many practical ideas from Dr. Silverman's book, *Upside-Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner*.

Schedule of Events

8:00 - 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 - 8:45 am	Overview of Program
8:45 - 10:15 am	"The Visual-Spatial Learner: Understanding and Reaching Kids Who Learn Differently"
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 - noon	Presentation Continued
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Presentation Continued
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 - 4:15 pm	Presentation Continued

Linda Silverman Registration Form
(Use one form per registrant - duplicate as needed)

Name (Print Clearly): _____
 Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Fax (____) _____
 Email: _____
 Parent Educator (School District: _____ Position: _____)

	Member		Non-Member		Total
	Before April 12	After April 12	Before April 12	After April 12	
GRAND RAPIDS LOCATION* April 26—Full Day (includes lunch)	\$ 100	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 125	
BAY CITY LOCATION* April 28—Full Day (includes lunch)	\$ 100	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 125	
NOVI LOCATION* April 30—Full Day (includes lunch)	\$ 100	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 125	
ALLIANCE DONATION (your tax-deductible donation supports efforts on behalf of the gifted)					
MEMBERSHIP DUES (Please complete Membership Application below)					
TOTAL DUE					

* Group pre-registration rate: deduct \$5 per person. To qualify, three or more registrations must be submitted together. Please enclose a separate registration for each registrant.

Personal Check # _____ School District Check # _____
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 Name of credit card holder (Print Clearly) _____
 Signature of credit card holder _____

Return to: Sue Belaski, Executive Secretary, Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education, 5355 Northland Drive, N.E., Ste. C-188, Grand Rapids, MI 49525; Phone: (616) 365-8230; Fax (616) 364-1114; Email: alliance@migiftedchild.org

General Information

- ◆ Persons who register by April 12, 2010 are eligible for discounted “early bird” rates.
- ◆ **Current Members** are those who hold a membership in the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education which runs through April 2010 as well as new or renewing members who pay their membership dues with their conference registration.
- ◆ If you are not a current member, join now and receive *Images*, the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education newsletter, discounts for our events, connecting with others who share your interests/concerns, and providing support for state advocacy efforts for the gifted learners. (You will find a membership form on the last page of this brochure.)
- ◆ **Group pre-registration rate available: deduct \$5 per person.** To qualify, three or more registrations must be submitted together. Please enclose a separate registration for each participant.
- ◆ No refunds will be issued unless a written request is received by April 26, 2010. Refunds, less a \$20 processing fee, will be issued two weeks after the conference date.
- ◆ Limited financial assistance is available. Contact our Executive Secretary by April 1, 2010 to apply.
- ◆ 0.6 SB-CEUs available for full day conference.
- ◆ Look for the most current conference information on www.migiftedchild.org — the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education website.

Membership Form



I would like to join the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education as an:

- Individual member** - open to any individual interested in furthering the goals of the Alliance. Yearly Dues: \$30.00
- Institutional member** - open to any organization or institution interested in furthering the goals of the Alliance. *Institutional membership entitles the organization or institution to designate four individuals as members of the Alliance.* Yearly Dues: \$100.00
- Affiliate member** - Name of my Affiliate: _____
Yearly Dues: \$20.00
- Donation to the Michigan Alliance \$ _____
(The Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.)
- New Renewal Student Teacher Parent Administrator Other

Name _____ Referred by _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ School _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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