

2017 Hormel Symposium Pre-Conference

Gifted Visual Spatial learners

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Austin High School

Check-in with refreshments – 1:30 PM

Workshop: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Gifted visual spatial learners are often overlooked and are at odds in many educational systems. This presentation explores the strengths and weaknesses of visual spatial learners. The differences between spatial and sequential learners will be defined and will demonstrate how spatial learners are at a disadvantage in our sequential education system. We will examine ways to determine if a student is a visual spatial learner. Specific assessment tools will include observation, standardized tests and inventories. This presentation will include a list of recommended strategies such as puzzles, maps, imagery, etc. to use with visual spatial learners who think this way. Finally, we will take a look at students who are gifted visual spatial learners and are also introverted, ADHD and/or exhibit over-excitabilities.

Patti Drapeau is an educational consultant, conference presenter, and author. Patti is a consultant for the Maine Department of Education in gifted education. She serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Southern Maine and at St Joseph's College where she teaches graduate courses in gifted education. As a presenter, Patti conducts keynote and workshop sessions in the United States and abroad on the topics of differentiation, creativity, and gifted education. She serves on the board of the Council of State Directors for Programs for the Gifted. Patti has more than twenty years of experience teaching/coordinating programs for the gifted and talented in Freeport, Maine. Patti received the New England Region Gifted and Talented award for outstanding contributions in Gifted Education. She also received the Maine Educators of the Gifted and Talented award for exemplary service. Patti is the author of five books and a variety of articles.