



## Cultivating the Genius of Black Children: Strategies to Close the Achievement Gap in the Early Years

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A must read for educators and parents, *Cultivating the Genius of Black Children* is a practical, in-depth look at the cultural relevancy and teaching methodologies best suited for the success of black children in public and private school settings. Debra Ren-Etta Sullivan uses established curriculum models, learning strategies, and approaches, combined with new concepts in organization and focus, and while black children and their particular needs are highlighted, the applied initiatives are meant for culturally diverse, mixed classrooms, communities, and teachers.

Drawing from her own dissatisfaction as a motivated black student and years of teaching and consulting experience, Sullivan's blended knowledge of the education system and cultural anthropology creates an exciting new initiative for both black advocacy and practices needed to maximize learning experiences in early childhood education. Full of practical advice and check lists, and backed by years of collective studies and context, teachers, educators, and, most of all, students, will benefit from these insights, starting with the assumption that all black children are geniuses.

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