

Mothers FAQs

Statement: My son is advanced 2 years ahead of his peers and I want him to study explosives.

Answer: In my personal opinion and experience with my own children pushing a student to advance at a rate above his or her peers is fraught with potential problems. For example they are required to be more socially interactive than normal for their age so that they can network effectively with their older peers, which is very important later in their careers. Another problem is that they may actually end up achieving less because of lower scores, for example my daughter who got her associates degree in math & Science before she was 18 ended up being a Nurse Practitioner instead of a Doctor. My son who was the youngest person in his class at high school dropped out of soccer, even though he was a fabulous goal keeper because the high school coach wrote him off because he decided he wasn't high enough, and he was only approached by the new High School football coach in the weight room to try out for the football team the next season, in his last year of high school which was too late. I would recommend to do more math and science and plenty of college courses at high school. i.e. add more breadth and accomplishments rather than going for speed.

As far as blasting and explosives is concerned if your child comes to our program a couple of years early as a child prodigy, he/she will not be allowed to take the commercial pyrotechnics class before 18 because of state law, will not be eligible to obtain a blasters license before graduation, miss out on countless resume building and social opportunities and most probably will not be able to get the summer internships and industry experience that most of our graduates get which will definitely a negative career influence. As a final note apart from the probability of being left socially behind the chances are that they will most probably will end up dating and marrying someone substantially older than themselves.

One of the problems that we see with is new generation of students is that they don't know how to do anything for themselves. The term is helicopter parents. They even turn up for job interviews at subway. If this is you, what you need to focus on is building your child's self reliance skills. Most people who I talk to about this would not hire someone whose parents sat in a job interview with them unless they were desperate to hire someone on and there were no other suitable candidates.