Underachieving Gifted: A Look at Identification and Solutions

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“It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But, above all, try something.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt
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Identifying the Problem

What does it mean to be an “Achiever”?  

What does it mean to be an “Underachiever”?  

List your ideas of what it means to be an Achiever and an Underachiever.  

Achiever: __________________  Underachiever: ____________

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Here are some Characteristics. Compare with your list.

**Achievers:**
- Finish
- Accomplish
- Fulfill
- Carry through
- Work/Do
- Complete
- Consummate
- Effect

**Underachievers:**
- Do not finish
- Are not accomplished
- Unfulfilled
- Incomplete
- Slothful
- Inconclusive
- Not Ideal
- Lack Performance