

## DEVELOPMENTAL STAGES AND CURRICULUM: A JAPANESE PERSPECTIVE

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Figure 1. Areas of the Brain

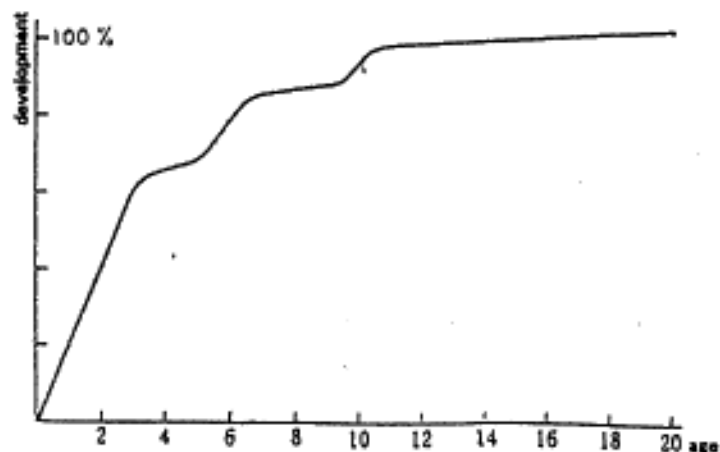
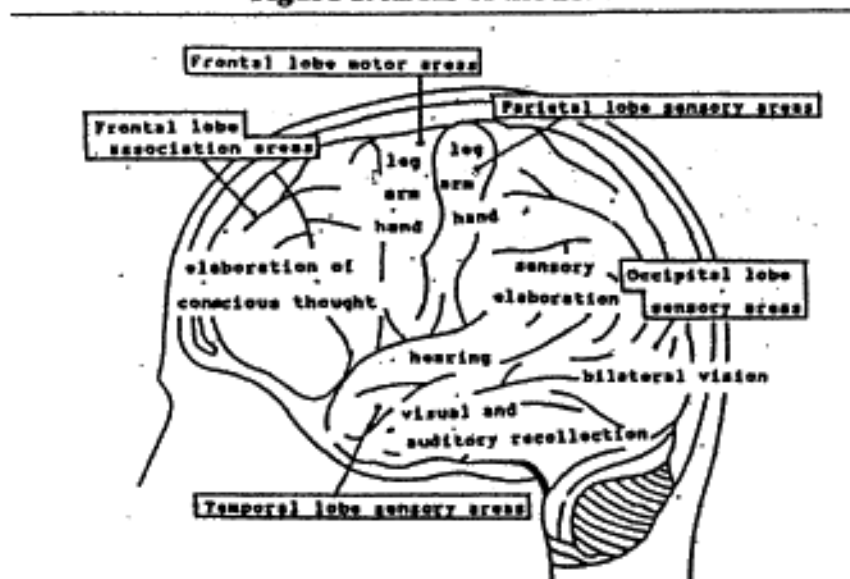


Table 1. Six Stages of Development of the Shifting Interest Center Theory

Stage	Age Range	Main Center of Interest	Primary Functions and Pursuits
1	Birth to 5	Imitation and repetition in movement and behavior	Physical skills and senses
2	5 to 7	Imitation and repetition in language and numbers	Mental skills and senses
3	9 to 11	Logical thinking, research, or experiment	Main concepts and methods
4	11 to 14	Searching for a sense of self and meaning	Individuality—searching
5	14 to 20	Self-development for specialization	Individuality—development
6	20+	Self-realization	Individuality—integration

### A NEW THEORY OF DEVELOPMENTAL STAGES BASED ON CHILDREN'S SHIFTING INTERESTS

