THE PARENTS GUIDE TO GAMING

IF MY KID HAS TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES, I WANT THEM TO...

97% of today's students are gamers

and 40% of the gaming population are girls.

- GAME OVER
- are guns involved? absolutely not
- Would you be interested in giving your child the ability to build and test a game level, setup similarly to laser tag?
- sounds like fun → HALO (REACH/3)
- seems too complex...
- What if your child could build a video game while playing another video game?
- sounds great! → LITTLE BIG PLANET (series)
- not into cars
- Would you like to see your child evolve past playing with hot-wheels and plastic tracking?
- sure! → MODNATION RACERS
- create and use
- Would you rather give your kid the ability to create and control or create and use?
- create and control → Would you like your kid to understand your daily life better?
- what do kids know?! → THE SIMS (series)
- let kids be kids while they can...
- So you would be okay with your kids learning the theory of evolution?
- -insert religious protesting- → GAME OVER
- sure! → SPORE
- sharing is caring
- Would you like to see cooperation and team building in an openly creative setting?
- are there other options? → How about immersing them into a band-like atmosphere with their friends?
- sounds great - literally! → come with me...
- so about those friends...
- CALL OF DUTY (series) → come with me...
- no subscriptions
- Do you mind paying a monthly fee?
- so long as they're happy... → STARCRAFT II
- ingenious!
- Online Space Chess?!
- um...? → GAME OVER
- so long as they're happy... → WORLD OF WARCRAFT
- no subscriptions
- GUILD WARS
- will they stay for dinner?
- Would you like your child to invite friends over to play games?
- what friends?
- Would you like your kid to learn more about football, teams, players and plays?
- sure! → MADDEN NFL (series)
- bring on the wheel of fire! → PORTAL (series)
- but that's so dangerous! → GAME OVER
- What if your child was more virtually immersed in the environment - flying through the air like a stuntman?
- not really a builder...
- Is your child destined to be a famous architect?
- that's what the legos are for! → WORLD OF GOO
- why stop there?
- Would your like your kid to be a world traveler or more of a local?
- within this country please → OREGON TRAIL
- historically? → How would you like to stimulate your child's mind?
- scientifically?
- time travel? how exciting!
- How about letting your kid time travel to understand larger historical themes?
- booooooring → GAME OVER
- the world is their oyster → CARMEN SANDIEGO
- intellectually?
- Would you like to encourage your child to solve mysteries?
- whodunnit?
- not really
- If the game was based on problem solving, do you want your child to...
- be a detective
- Would you rather your child play as a lawyer or as a detective?
- lay down the law (lawyer) → PHOENIX WRIGHT (series)
- can I be watson? (detective)
- Would you rather your child be immersed in riddles and word problems, or be truly investigating a crime?
- word problems sound good → PROFESSOR LAYTON (series)
- dusting for prints → NANCY DREW (series)
- be a hero
- Do you want your child to learn to use real world tools in a video game setting?
- sure → LEGEND OF ZELDA (series)
- have creative freedom → SCRIBBLENAUTS
- not really
- How about teaching your child about the Classical Elements and developing how they can be used in a game environment?
- sure → OKAMI (series)
- still no
- What about using the relationship of movement and time to overcome puzzles and obstacles?
- sure → BRAID
- that's not real → GAME OVER
- dance? → Musically, is your kid more inclined to...
- sing? 2 → DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION (series)
- steps
- Do you want your kid to learn dance steps or dance routines?
- routines → DANCE CENTRAL
- rock out? 1
- Is your kid looking a little... round?
- they eat their veggies!! → Do you want your kid to learn dance steps or dance routines?
- well... → ZUMBA FITNESS
- 2
- Do you want your kid to audition for American Idol?
- my kid will be a star! → SINGSTAR (series)
- that show is overrated
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- Would you like to see your kid develop social and musical skills by starting a 'band' in your basement with friends?
- I don't need more noise... → What if your child was encouraged to be a solo guitarist, practicing rhythm and hand-eye coordination on their own?
- the next Jimi Hendrix → GUITAR HERO (series)
- doesn't sound productive → GAME OVER
- sounds great! → ROCK BAND (series)
- don't talk to strangers → Would you like to increase your kid's hand-eye coordination?
- my child is perfect as is! → Online Space Chess?!
- I'm intrigued...
- Do you mind paying a monthly fee?
- no subscriptions → GUILD WARS
- Would you like to immerse your child into an imaginative environment with the ability to play with 1000's of other players and build social skills?
- not really into sports

KEY

- BE CHALLENGED
- BE EDUCATED
- BE CREATIVE
- BE MUSICAL
- BE SOCIAL