

Characteristics of Gifted Students

The following may be used as descriptors of gifted children that can assist with identification. No student will have all the characteristics, and many will exhibit talents in multiple areas. Within specific academic ability, students usually have one or two subjects that they are best in and passionate about.

<p>Creative Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent thinker • Exhibits original thinking in oral and written expression • Comes up with several solutions to a given problem • Possesses a sense of humor • Creates and invents • Challenged by creative tasks • Improvises often • Does not mind being different from the crowd 	<p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assumes responsibility • High expectations for self and others • Fluent, concise self-expression • Foresees consequences and implications of decisions • Good judgment in decision making • Likes structure • Well-liked by peers • Self-confident • organized
<p>General Intellectual Ability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulates abstractions • Processes information in complex ways • Observant • Excited about new ideas • Enjoys hypothesizing • Learns rapidly • Uses a large vocabulary • Inquisitive • Self-starter 	<p>Specific Academic Ability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good memorization ability • Advanced comprehension • Acquires basic skill knowledge quickly • Widely read in special interest area • High academic success in special interest area • Pursues special interest with enthusiasm and vigor
<p>Psychomotor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenged by difficult athletic activities • Exhibits precision in movement • Enjoys participation in various athletic opportunities • Excels in motor skills • Well-coordinated • Good manipulative skills • High energy level 	<p>Visual/Performing Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding sense of spatial relationships • Unusual ability in expressing self, feeling, moods, etc. through dance, drama, music • Good motor coordination • Exhibits creative expression • Desire for producing “own product” (not copied content or ideas) • Observant