

Characteristics of Gifted Children

ACADEMIC ABILITY

- High rate of success in subjects of interest
- Pursues certain areas with vigor
- Good memory
- Comprehends well
- Acquires knowledge quickly
- Widely read in special areas

INTELLECTUAL

- Observant
- Gets excited about new ideas
- Inquisitive
- Learns rapidly
- Independent learner
- Has a large vocabulary compared to others his age
- Thinks abstractly
- Enjoys hypothesizing
- Intense

LEADERSHIP

- Likes structure
- Self-confident
- Well-accepted by peers
- Shows good judgement, common sense
- Responsible
- Articulate, verbally fluent
- Foresees the consequences of things

CREATIVE

- Independent thinker
- Expressive (oral or written)
- Keen sense of humor
- Resourceful
- Doesn't mind being different
- Is original, unconventional, imaginative

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS

- Ability for expressing feelings, thoughts and moods through art
- Good coordination
- Exhibits creativity, imagination
- Observant
- Liked to produce original products
- Flexible