

# Characteristics of Gifted Students



<b>Gifted Students</b>	<b>Good Students:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Ask the questions</li><li>✓ Enjoy learning</li><li>✓ Draw inferences</li><li>✓ Create new designs</li><li>✓ Have unexpected ideas</li><li>✓ Prefer adults</li><li>✓ Manipulate information</li><li>✓ Achieve mastery in 1-2 repetitions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Know the answers</li><li>✓ Enjoy school</li><li>✓ Grasp meaning</li><li>✓ Copy accurately</li><li>✓ Have good ideas</li><li>✓ Enjoy peers</li><li>✓ Absorb information</li><li>✓ Achieve mastery in 3-8 repetitions</li></ul>



Gifted students may exhibit many, but not all, of these characteristics. When you observe students consistently exhibiting these behaviors, the possibility that they are highly able is very strong.

## Intellectual Ability

- Solves problems quickly
- Insightful
- Learns new information quickly
- Answers questions in detail
- Draws conclusion based on sound reasoning
- Separates problems into their component parts
- Quickly grasps the essence of a problem
- Applies prior knowledge to solving problems
- Learns difficult concepts easily
- Ingenious ways of problem solving
- Sometimes lacks organizational skills
- Gets easily frustrated when not able to master academic skills
- Often solves problems without showing work



## Academic Ability

- Knowledge of current events
- Completes academic work correctly/unassisted
- Contributes to academic discussions
- Excels in one or more subject areas
- Performs well on Achievement Tests
- Advanced reading, writing, and/or math skills
- Asks relevant questions
- Poor in Spelling, careless in handwriting
- Inaccurate in Math because they are impatient with details
- Shows boredom, restlessness and disturbs others
- Can be indifferent to classroom work when not interested



## Characteristics of Gifted Underachievers

- High IQ score
- Lack of effort
- A skill deficit in at least one subject area
- Frequently unfinished work
- Inattentiveness to current task
- Low self-esteem
- Poor work and study habits
- Intense interest in one area
- Seeming inability to concentrate
- Failure to respond to usual motivating techniques

## Other Characteristics

Perfectionist, Impatience, Unorganized, Quirky, Limited social & emotional skills, Underachiever, Daydreamer, Wild silly ideas, Strong feelings/opinions, Can be Intense, Good guesser, Thrives on complexity, Keenly observant, Highly self-critical