Characteristics of Gifted Students



Gifted Students	Good Students:
✓ Ask the questions ✓ Enjoy learning ✓ Draw inferences ✓ Create new designs ✓ Have unexpected ideas ✓ Prefer adults ✓ Manipulate information ✓ Achieve mastery in 1-2 repetitions	✓ Know the answers ✓ Enjoy school ✓ Grasp meaning ✓ Copy accurately ✓ Have good ideas ✓ Enjoy peers ✓ Absorb information ✓ Achieve mastery in 3-8 repetitions



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