

# Characteristics of Gifted Students

## Verbal Proficiency

- Large vocabulary
- Facility of expression
- Breadth of information

## Power of Abstraction

- Interest in inductive learning and problem-solving
- High level of conceptualization
- Pleasure in intellectual activity

## Intellectual Curiosity

- Interest in a wide range of things
- Willingness for complexity
- Persistent pursuit of goals

## Retentiveness/Power of Concentration

- Intense attention
- Retains and uses information
- Long attention span

## Independence/Goal Directed

- Self-initiated student
- Pursues individual interests
- Seeks direction

## Power of Critical Thinking

- Self-criticism
- Skepticism
- Adept in analyzing strengths and weaknesses

## Sensitivity/Intuitiveness

- High level of awareness
- Keenly observant
- Emotional depth

## Potential for Creativity

- Inventiveness
- Liking for new ways of doing things
- Interest in brainstorming, free-wheeling

## Versatility/Virtuosity

- Diversity of interests and abilities
- Many hobbies
- Proficiency in art forms such as music and drawing

