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In compliance with the ***State of Mississippi's Gifted Program***, the Tishomingo County Schools offer the following goals for the gifted student:

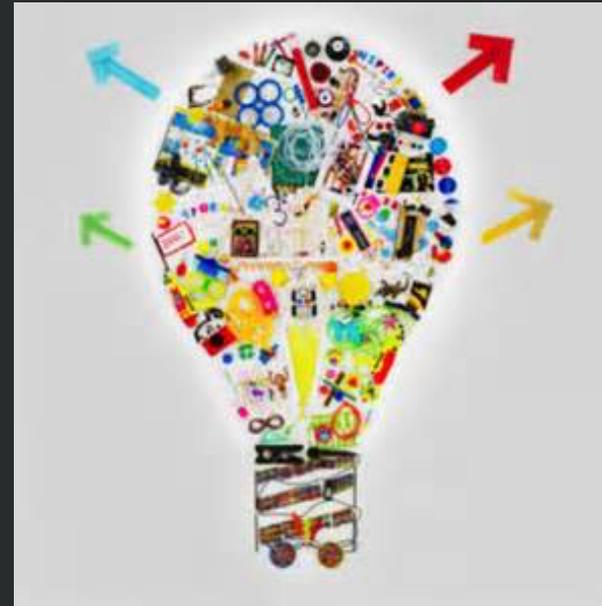
Thinking Skills
Communication
Creativity
Information Literacy
Success Skills
Affective Skills



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Tishomingo County Schools Gifted Program



GEMS
“Great Expectations Mean
Success”

“Be the best of whatever you are.”
Douglas Malloch

Our Mission Statement

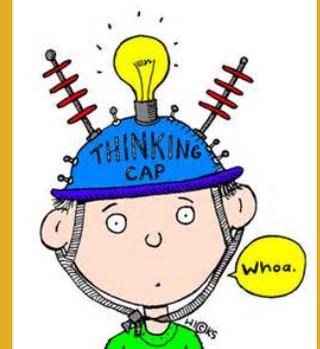
The mission of the Tishomingo County GEMS Program is to identify and serve the intellectually gifted student. This process will develop individual talents both educationally and emotionally through a qualitatively differentiated curriculum in a safe environment.

Defining Giftedness

Gifted children are reflected in every ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic group. They come in all shapes and sizes, with differing strengths and ability levels. Gifted children are as diverse as humanity itself. Generally speaking, gifted learners possess high levels of intelligence, creativity, critical and creative thinking, and intellectual curiosity. They may require fewer repetitions to process and understand information than traditional learners.

Common Characteristics

- Good problem-solving abilities
- Learns rapidly
- Extensive vocabulary
- Good memory
- Longer attention span
- Compassion for others
- Perfectionism
- High degree of energy
- Prefers older companions
- Wide range of interests (or narrow ones)
- Interest in experimenting and doing things differently
- Unusual sense of humor
- Early or avid reader with greater comprehension
- Ability with puzzles, mazes, or numbers
- At times seems mature for age
- Insatiable curiosity and persistence
- Intense concentration
- Perseverance in areas of interest
- May question authority
- Advanced sense of conscience
- Perceives abstract ideas, understands complex concepts
- Exhibits creativity



While it is rare for a gifted child to exhibit all these characteristics, it is common for a gifted child to manifest many of these.