

# Characteristics of Various Areas of Giftedness

## Visual/Performing Arts

- Outstanding in sense of spatial relationship
- Unusual ability for expressing self-feelings, moods, etc. through the arts
  - Good Motor coordination
  - Exhibits creative expression
- Desire for producing “own product” (not content with mere copying)
  - Observant

## General Intellectual Ability

- Formulates abstractions
- Process info in complex ways
  - Observant
- Excited about new ideas
  - Enjoys hypothesizing
  - Learns rapidly
  - Uses large vocabulary
  - Inquisitive

## Creative Thinking

- Independent thinker
- Exhibits original thought
- Has many solutions to problems
  - Possess a sense of humor
  - Creates and invents
  - Challenged by creative tasks
  - Improvises often
- Does not mind being different

## Leadership

- Assumes responsibility
- High expectations for self and others
  - Fluent, concise expression
  - Foresees consequences and implications of decisions
- Good judgment in decision making
  - Likes structure
  - Well liked by peers
  - Self-Confident
  - Organized

## Specific Academic Ability

- Good memorization ability
- Advanced comprehension
  - Acquires basic-skills knowledge quickly
- Widely read in special-interest area
- High academic success in special-interest area
  - Pursues special interests with enthusiasm and vigor