

Gifted

Definition

Giftedness is exceptional intellectual abilities and potential for achievement that requires specially designed instruction and services beyond those normally provided in the general classroom instruction.

Types

- Gifted
- Exceptional Gifted

Twice Exceptional

Students can be eligible for gifted services and have a disability. When this occurs the disability is to be the primary eligibility.

Incidence

In West Virginia, 1.96% of the total school enrollment is identified as gifted in grades one through eight. Exceptional gifted students comprise 0.07% of total student enrollment.

Teaching Tips/Instructional Strategies

- Appropriate pacing
- Elimination of excess drill and review
- Curriculum compacting
- Adjusting texts to advanced reading level
Complex content/issues
- Whole-to-part conceptual teaching
Opportunities for reflection/analysis Problem-Based-Learning
- Method of inquiry
- Advanced organizers for processing

Characteristics

Some or all of the following behaviors may be exhibited by a gifted student. This is not an exhaustive list.

- Exhibits high achievement in one or more areas
- Displays advanced reading ability and extensive vocabulary
- Needs less practice than other children when learning new skills
- Shows superior abilities to reason, generalize or problem solve
- Is curious; tends to ask "how" and "why" often
- Displays higher level thinking than chronological peers
- Can draw inferences from both verbal and nonverbal cues
- Tends to be intensely focused on areas of interest
- Has a highly developed sense of humor Can concentrate for long periods of time Has an aptitude for logic, spotting inconsistencies quickly
- Has a high energy level
- Has a very active imagination

This information developed from the following resources:

National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)
<http://www.nagc.org/>

Purcell, J. & Eckert, R. (2005). *Designing Services and Programs for High-Ability Learners*. Thousand Oaks, CA Corwin Press.

More information at:
<https://wvde.state.wv.us/osp/gifted.html>