

CHECKLIST OF CHARACTERISTICS FOR AREAS OF GIFTEDNESS (CCAG)

*Adapted from the National Association for Gifted Children

TALENTED AREA	CHARACTERISTICS
General Intellectual Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understands complex concepts ● Draws inferences between content areas ● Sees beyond the obvious ● Thrives on new or complex ideas ● Enjoys hypothesizing ● Intuitively knows before taught ● Uses an extensive vocabulary ● Does in-depth investigations ● Learns rapidly in comparison to peers (1-2 repetitions for mastery)
Specific Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manipulates information ● Strong memorization ability ● Intense interest in a specific academic area ● High academic capacity in special-interest area ● Pursues special interests with enthusiasm ● Operates at a higher level of abstraction than peers ● Asks poignant questions
Creative Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discusses and elaborates in detail ● Exhibits original thinking in oral and/or written expression ● Generates many ideas to solve a given problem ● Possesses a keen sense of humor ● Creates and invents ● Intrigued by creative tasks ● Improvises and sees unique possibilities ● Risk taker ● Resists conformity
Artistic (Visual/Performing Arts) Art Dance Drama Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicates their vision in visual/performing arts ● Unusual ability for aesthetic expression ● Compelled to perform/produce ● Exhibits creative expression ● Desire for creating original product ● Keenly observant ● Continues experimentation with preferred medium ● Excels in demonstrating the visual/performing arts
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Takes an active role in decision making ● High expectations for self and others ● Expresses self with confidence ● Foresees consequences and implications of decisions ● Follows through on a plan ● Appears to be well-liked by peers ● Ideas expressed accepted by others ● Sought out by others to accomplish a task