

Attributes Underlying Giftedness For All

Core Attribute	General Description
Motivation: Evidence of desire to learn	Forces that initiate, direct and sustain individual or group behavior in order to satisfy a need or attained goal
Communication skills: Highly expressive and effective use of words, numbers, symbols, etc.	Transmission and reception of signals or meanings through a system of symbols (codes, gestures, language, numbers)
Interest: Intense (sometimes unusual) interests	Activities, avocations, objects, etc. that have a special worth or significance and are given special attention
Problem-solving ability: Effective (often inventive) strategies for recognizing and solving problems	Process of determining a correct sequence of alternatives leading to a desired goal or to successful completion or performance of a task
Imagination/Creativity: Produces many ideas; highly original	Process of forming mental images of objects, qualities, situations, or relationships, which are not immediately apparent to the senses; solve problems by pursuing nontraditional patterns of thinking
Memory; Large storehouse of information on school or non-school topics	Exceptional ability to retain and retrieve information
Inquiry: Questions, experiments, explores	Method or process of seeking knowledge, understanding or information
Insight: Quickly grasps new concepts and makes connections; senses deeper meanings	Sudden discovery of the correct solution following incorrect attempts based primarily on trial and error
Reasoning: Logical approaches to figuring out solutions	Highly conscious, directed, controlled, active, intentional, forward-looking, goal oriented thought
Humor: Conveys and picks up on humor well	Ability to synthesize key ideas or problems in complex situations in a humorous way; exceptional sense of timing in words and gestures