

Wapakoneta City Schools

Talented and Gifted Programs

GENERAL PARENT INFORMATION

DEFINITION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED

Gifted children are those capable of high performance and have been identified by qualified persons. Children capable of high performance include those with demonstrated achievement and/or potential ability in any of the following areas:

- Superior Cognitive Ability
- Specific Academic Ability
- Creative and/or Productive Thinking
- Visual and/or Performing Arts

CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED CHILDREN

James T Webb, Ph.D., ABPP, compiled the following list of general characteristics of students identified as gifted or talented:

- Unusually large vocabulary
- Speaks in complex sentence structures
- Greater comprehension of language nuances
- Longer attention span and persistence in their interest areas
- Intensity of feelings or actions
- Wide range of interests (tunnel vision or grasshopper pattern)
- Strong sense of curiosity
- Able to learn more basic skills quickly
- Learn to read and write before school without instruction
- Unusually good memory
- Unusual sense of humor (particularly puns)

For more information regarding parenting of gifted students visit:

<http://www.oagc.com/?q=parent>