

## CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED STUDENTS

As compared to their age peers, gifted students tend to:

- Learn more rapidly
- Have a stronger need to know
- Be more adept at using abstract thinking skills
- Demonstrate more sophisticated communication skills
- Have a longer attention span
- Perceive more unusual associations
- See and create patterns of meaning
- Have intense and/or broad interests
- Be more intellectually playful
- Be better at discerning discrepancies
- Have greater retention of information
- Be more imaginative

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