



FIGURE 15.5 Characteristics of

Various Areas of Giftedness

Visual/performing arts

Outstanding in sense of spatial relationships
Unusual ability for expressing self, feelings, moods, etc., through art, dance, drama, music
Good motor coordination
Exhibits creative expression
Desire for producing “own product” (not content with mere copying)
Observant

Leadership

Assumes responsibility
High expectations for self and others
Fluent, concise self-expression
Foresees consequences and implications of decisions
Good judgment in decision making
Likes structure
Well-liked by peers
Self-confident
Organized

Creative thinking

Independent thinker
Exhibits original thinking in oral and written expression
Comes up with several solutions to a given problem
Possesses a sense of humor
Creates and invents
Challenged by creative tasks
Improvises often
Does not mind being different from the crowd

General intellectual ability

Formulates abstractions
Processes information in complex ways
Observant
Excited about new ideas
Enjoys hypothesizing
Learns rapidly
Uses a large vocabulary
Inquisitive
Self-starter

Specific academic ability

Good memorization ability
Advanced comprehension
Acquires basic-skills knowledge quickly
Widely read in special-interest area
High academic success in special-interest area
Pursues special interests with enthusiasm and vigor