CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTED CHILDREN

• Reasoning powers; grasps new ideas
  o Generalizes from specific facts
  o Sees subtle relationships
  o Problem-solving ability
  o Insight

• Intellectual curiosity

• Reads avidly, verbal and written fluency

• Learns quickly; retains what is learned

• Wide range of interests; creative ability
  o Imagination expression in music, art, dance, drama…
  o Sensitivity and finesse in rhythm, movement, bodily control

• Independent; non-conforming
  o Questions authority
  o Opinionated
  o Argumentative and critical

• High standards; self-critical
  o Perfectionist
  o Sensitive
  o Intense
  o Opinionated

• Argumentative and critical

• Initiative and originality
  o Flexible thinker; sees perspectives
  o Sense of humor

• Competitive
  o Enjoys a challenge
  o Impatient

• Extremes
  o Quiet and withdrawn
  o Unsettled, rebellious

Sources: ERIC Clearing House on Disabilities and Gifted Education
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