

Parent Referral Procedure for Placement in the GT Program

Dear Parents;

Identifying students is one of the hardest things about this program. To help you, I have included some characteristics of gifted students from different experts in the GT field. Gifted students do not display these characteristics all the time and the lists are not meant to be all-inclusive.

The Arkansas Definition of Giftedness states: Gifted and Talented children and youth are those of high potential or ability whose learning characteristics and educational needs require qualitatively differentiated educational experiences and/or services.

Possession of these talents and gifts, or the potential for their development will be evidenced through an interaction of above average:

1. Intellectual ability,
2. Task Commitment and /or motivation, and
3. Creative ability.

Parents, other characteristics of a gifted child are:

- Learns more rapidly
- Stronger need to know (curious)
- Superior communication skills
- Longer attention span.
- Good problem-solving abilities
- Better at sensing discrepancies
- Perfectionist

Parents, if you wish to refer your students for GT please go over the characteristics of a gifted child. Then sent your child's name, address, phone number/email address with grade and teacher's name to this email address. bonnie.goodwin@baldknobschools.org

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