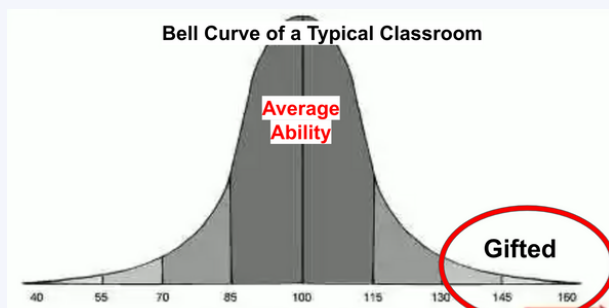




Gifted Characteristics

- Advanced vocabulary
- Excellent memory
- Learns quickly
- Asks questions
- Critical thinker
- Passionate about certain subjects
- Intense
- Sensitive/ empathetic
- Likes older children or adults
- Needs to know "why?"
- Uses humor/ understands sarcasm
- Enjoys challenges

Gifted Needs



Average ability is the 50th percentile. Students at the far right (Gifted) need special education services to meet their unique learning needs not normally met in a regular classroom. Gifted students are in the 95th percentile and above compared to same age peers. They make up 3-5 percent of the student population.

Differentiation for gifted learners can be addressed through changing the content, product, and/or process of their learning.

Gifted Testing

Gifted testing takes place three times a year for students in PreK- 8th grade. Consult with your child's school and campus gifted teacher for more information on test windows. Referrals for testing can be found on the district website www.wesdschools.org

Once a student qualifies as gifted in one or more areas, they do not need to retest every year. Qualified gifted students receive gifted services through Project Potential, the GLC, or FLEX program.

Students who score close to qualification may be invited to join gifted classes as a temporary student until retesting the following school year.

Gifted Areas

Students need to score in the 95th percentile or higher in one of the three areas to be considered gifted. Qualification in more than one area is possible.

- The verbal section measures a child's ability to remember and transform sequences of English words, to understand them and to make inferences and judgments about them.
- The quantitative section measures a child's understanding of basic number concepts and relationships.
- The non-verbal section measures reasoning using pictures and geometric shapes. This section reduces the impact of language on the student's score.



In WESD, we believe all students deserve to learn something new everyday! Our gifted students possess great potential which must be supported academically and emotionally in their learning environment.

Definition of Gifted

The national definition of giftedness defines gifted students as performing in higher levels compared to others of the same age, experience, and environment in one or more domains. Gifted learners require modifications to their educational experiences to learn and realize their potential.



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