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## Gifted and Talented

### What is Giftedness?

Colorado's Exceptional Children's Educational Act (ECEA) defines "gifted" children as: Those persons between the ages of four and twenty-one whose aptitude or competence in abilities, talents, and potential for accomplishment in one or more domains are so exceptional or developmentally advanced that they require special provisions to meet their educational programming needs. Children under five who are gifted may also be provided with early childhood special educational services.

Gifted students include gifted students with disabilities (i.e. twice exceptional) and students with exceptional abilities or potential from all socio-economic, ethnic, and cultural populations. Gifted students are capable of high performance, exceptional production, or exceptional learning behavior.

### Where can I get more information?

All DPS schools (including ECE centers and charter sites) have a GT teacher, Point of Contact, or site team.

Reach out to your school for more information about gifted programming and identification.

Visit our website: [gt.dpsk12.org](http://gt.dpsk12.org)



### Common Traits in Young Gifted Children

- rapid language acquisition
- advanced vocabulary
- early literacy development
- heightened sensitivity
- remarkable memory
- rapid learning
- mature sense of humor
- creative problem solving
- constantly learning from their environment
- seeming to know things without the effort required to learn it