

## Some Characteristics of the Gifted & Talented

- ◆ *Unbridled curiosity*
- ◆ *Exceptional memory*
- ◆ *Committed to projects*
- ◆ *Eagerness to know "how" & "why"*
- ◆ *Keen understanding of the ways humans interact*
- ◆ *Sensitivity to the emotions of others*
- ◆ *Able to grasp abstract concepts*
- ◆ *Pays attention to details when making observations*
- ◆ *Advanced sense of humor*
- ◆ *Early ability to hone in on specific interests*
- ◆ *Extensive vocabulary*
- ◆ *Ability to learn quickly*
- ◆ *Impatience with repetitive tasks*

### **Intellectually Gifted**

*Parents & guardians may request a student screening for Intellectually Giftedness at any point in the school year through a school Support Team meeting. For more information, contact your child's teacher.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Gifted and Talented Programs



## **MNPS Gifted & Talented Programs**

The MNPS values the creative, emotional, & social needs of a diverse population of gifted & academically talented students through the engagement of a rigorous curriculum.

The MNPS Encore Program offers an instructional experience designed specifically for intellectually gifted and academically talented learners.

The curriculum is hands-on, interactive, and problem-based with a focus on developing students' critical and creative thinking abilities. Instruction is interdisciplinary and aligned with Tennessee content standards.

## **Facts**

- ◆ Gifted & Talented classes are available at every MNPS elementary & middle school!
- ◆ Advanced Academics Resource Teachers (AARTs) are specialized in gifted & talented education. They teach Encore, YSN, and enrichment classes.
- ◆ Gifted & talented students study interdisciplinary, inquiry-based units that promotes critical and creative thinking, problem solving with depth and complexity.
- ◆ Pre-K gifted and talented classes are available at Ross Early Learning Center and Robertson Academy.
- ◆ Students must be identified as intellectually gifted or academically talented in order to qualify for Encore.

***Summer enrichment camp is available for gifted & talented students.***

## **Identification**

**Pre-K** To qualify, 3 and 4 year olds would be screened and identified through the Office of Exceptional Education. *(see contacts on the back)*

**K-2** In the spring of each school year, referred students are screened with the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test® (NNAT2)

**4-6** In the fall of each school year, students are referred for the Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT®)

## **Young Scholars of Nashville**

Young Scholars of Nashville (YSN) is our talent development program. The goal of YSN is to identify & nurture advanced academic potential in K-8 students, especially from traditionally underrepresented populations. Students are identified through a talent pool process using local norms, achievement, observations, and characteristics.