

## What are some of the Challenges I might see from my Gifted Child?

One thing to keep in mind is that gifted children are children first. Some of their special characteristics and behaviors may include:

1. intense and strong-willed
2. extreme perfectionism
3. impatient with themselves and others
4. act out because they are not being academically challenged
5. sound so adult-like that parents sometimes expect behavior beyond their children's level of maturity

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# Mid Valley School District's Gifted Program



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**Family members play important roles in providing learning experiences for children.**

- Recognize and build on the strengths and talents you witness in your child
- Encourage your child’s curiosity and creativity
- Help your child find activities they love
- Give your child opportunities to take healthy risks as they explore the wonder around them

Like all children, young gifted children need to become comfortable with trying new things and learning from mistakes. When your child has mastered one activity, present an opportunity for new challenges.

Recognize that your child may be ready for experiences earlier than other children and that his or her questions and interests may surprise and challenge you!

Educate yourself about gifted children and about learning opportunities for them in your community. There may be times when you wish to consult with your family physician or a psychologist who has experience working with gifted children.

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**Identification Process:**

1. Teacher or parent recommendation
2. Student is evaluated by School Psychologist
3. Ongoing process facilitated by the Gifted teacher, faculty members, and parents using formal and informal data.

**Exciting Elementary Projects**

1. Students will enhance mathematics skills by using various math methods including technology.
2. Students will use science skills including analysis, hypothesis, & data recording to gain a better understanding of the Scientific Method.
3. Students will explore various genres of literature as they use writing skills to create and illustrate a book.

**GOALS FOR THE GIFTED PROGRAM**

1. To provide a learning environment that nurtures the academic, social, and emotional characteristics found in students demonstrating academic potential and to provide structures that ensures the interaction with their intellectual peers.
2. To establish a climate that reflects the value of gifted students while enhancing their intellectual ability, creativity, talent, and decision making.
3. To encourage and provide units of study that develop higher-level thinking and expand these skills in analysis, synthesis, and evaluation along with the provision of using them.

Students at work!

