

Giftedness Defined - What is Gifted & Talented?

"Children and youth with outstanding talent who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment."

- US Department of Education, 1993.

This definition is the broadest and most comprehensive. It is used by many school districts. It speaks of talent , which includes all areas of a child's life academic, artistic, athletic, and social. Most schools limit their definition and their programs to academics, but it is important to realize on performing and accomplishment . It is not enough to just have the talent, but you must be using that talent to achieve at remarkably high levels. However, this definition recognizes that not all very talented students have the potential to achieve at high levels but have not realized that potential. These are the classic underachievers. Finally this definition is a comparative one, these students achieve or have the potential to achieve at levels

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