

If a student has been identified as gifted in the area of Creative Thinking, please review the definition of Creative Thinking and its Characteristics. How many of the characteristics listed below do you recognize in the student?

Creative Thinking

Definition:

Creative Thinking ability refers to individuals who exhibit exceptional ability in generating new ideas that may have potential value to society. Individuals with high creative ability may exhibit many of the following characteristics to various degrees.

Characteristics:

- *Inquisitive*
- *Tendency to do things in one's own way*
- *Preference for working alone*
- *Experimentation with whatever is at hand*
- *Active imagination*
- *Ability to think of many ways to accomplish a goal or solve a problem*
- *Tendency to respond with unexpected or clever answers*
- *Production of original ideas*
- *Uninhibited expression of what may be nonconforming opinions*
- *Adventurous and willing to take risks*
- *Possession of a keen sense of humor*
- *Sensitivity to beauty*
- *Nonconformist and has lack of interest in details*
- *Lack of concern with social acceptability*
- *Able to resist group pressure*
- *Tolerance for ambiguity*
- *Preference for complexity and open-endedness*
- *High ability in divergent thinking*

