

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

Specific Academic

Definition:

*Specific academic ability refers to special ability in one or more academic fields including **mathematics, science, reading/writing, and/or social studies.** Individuals with high academic ability may exhibit many of the following characteristics to various degrees.*

Characteristics:

- *Initiates learning projects independently*
- *Long attention span for activities related to a specific academic field*
- *Advanced understanding of concepts, methods and terminology of the specific academic area*
- *Ability to apply understandings from the academic area to activities in other subjects*
- *Willingness to devote large amounts of time and effort to achieve high standards in a specific area*
- *Competitiveness in a specific academic area and motivation to do one's best*
- *Rapid learning in the specific academic area*
- *Driving persistence to learn more within the specific academic area*
- *Goal-directed behavior within the specific academic area*
- *Includes details in drawings and descriptions*
- *Not discouraged when a mistake is made, will adapt and continue working on task*

