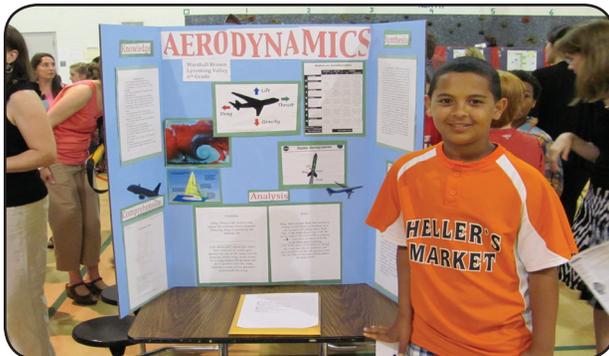




## PROGRAM GOALS

- Students participating in the elementary gifted support enrichment program will:
- Explore and develop potential interest areas.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the kinds of communication and tools that enhance communication.
- Understand and apply the skills of creative thinking.
- Use sequential thinking processes and develop confidence in their analytical thinking.
- Develop and strengthen research skills by locating and selecting appropriate resource materials from libraries and other sources and use that information to develop reports, prepare projects and make oral presentations.
- Combine the skills of creative and critical thinking and apply to problem-solving solutions.
- Develop social and leadership skills.
- Develop enhanced computer and multi-media skills through the use of specialized software.
- Use flexible pacing in math where appropriate.



## RESOURCES

Questions regarding Gifted Education should be directed to:

Gifted Education Department  
District Service Center  
2780 West Fourth Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
570-327-5500 ext.. 33517

A comprehensive gifted resource library is available in the WASD Gifted Education office. Additional information regarding gifted education can be obtained through the following organizations:

**WASD Gifted Education**  
<http://www.wasd.org/gifted>

**Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education**  
<http://www.giftedpage.org>

**National Association for Gifted Education**  
<http://www.nagc.org>

**Pennsylvania Department of Education**  
<http://www.pde.state.pa.us>

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# GIFTED EDUCATION BROCHURE

## DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER

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## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Bright Child	Gifted Learner
Knows the answers	Asks the questions
Is interested	Is highly curious
Is attentive	Is mentally involved
Has practical ideas	Has unique ideas
Works hard	Plays around, yet tests well
Answers the question	Discusses in detail
Learns with Ease	Already knows
6-8 repetitions for mastery	1-2 repetitions for mastery
Understands ideas	Constructs abstractions
Grasps the meaning	Draws inferences
Completes assignments	Initiates projects
Is receptive	Is intense
Copies accurately	Creates a new design
Enjoys school	Enjoys learning
Absorbs information	Manipulates information
Technician	Inventor
Memorizes well	Good guesser

- Creative — imaginative, versatile, and adaptable; flexible in ideas and actions; possesses problem-solving ability.
- Generalizes — perceives and abstracts ideas; sees relationships; grasps underlying principles; integrates areas of knowledge.
- Special ability — possesses unusual interest and aptitude in an academic area.
- Resourceful — A producer who has a knack for using the limited resources, time, and people in a learning environment to achieve outstanding results; generates new ideas and viewpoints; proposes novel solutions.

## GIFTED SCREENING AND EVALUATION

Identification of children for the gifted program, as a formal process, takes place in the spring of each year. Parents will be informed of teacher referrals through their school's Student Support Team. Students who exemplify gifted characteristics early in the school year or who move into the district may be referred to the Instructional Support Team at any time at any grade level.

As a parent, you are uniquely qualified to know your child's learning strengths and weaknesses. Parents who believe their child may need gifted education services should contact their building principal and request, in writing, that their child receive a gifted screening and/or evaluation.

The WASD Gifted Education Program is committed to educational excellence. We believe that gifted students are not all alike, and have the right to be challenged every day in school. Our goal is to provide an environment where students can maximize their exceptional ability and potential.

Examples of strategies used by the Elementary Gifted specialists include:

- **Academic clustering**
- **Individualized enrichment**
- **Flexible pacing and acceleration**
- **Independent study**
- **Distance learning**
- **Special Activities and projects**
- **Thematic integrated approaches**



## THE WASD GIFTED EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The District's gifted program is monitored by the WASD Gifted Education Advisory Council (GEAC). The mission of the council is to provide ongoing assessment and suggestions to ensure that our program provides for the needs of all gifted students in kindergarten through 12th grade. GEAC membership is open to all interested parents, teachers, administrators and community members. Meetings are scheduled three times throughout the year. Check the website for dates. Contact the WASD Gifted office if you wish to participate.