

What is Giftedness?

Students identified with gifts and talents perform at higher levels in multiple domains. They demonstrate the need for enrichment and modifications to their individual education plan. Gifted and talented students do not all look alike.

There are many characteristics of a student with giftedness. Find out more on how to identify and support students who are gifted and talented.



[Click to learn more about Gifted Supports](#)



Did You Know?

Twice-exceptional, or 2e students, are both gifted and challenged in certain areas. They could excel in specific content areas, but also have an exceptionality or diagnosis like ADHD, dyslexia or autism. Too often these students are overlooked or misdiagnosed.

USD 232 is fortunate to have fabulous gifted teachers that work with gifted and talented students. They collaborate with general education and special education teachers to create programming for the students. When a student was transitioning from middle to high school, a gifted teacher shared this information with the receiving team. *"Our district has not had many students like "student A" before and we've all had to adapt and learn alongside him. We keep in mind that he is coping with his own unique set of learning challenges. Social/emotional development is a consistent and critical area of need because he is an asynchronous learner."* This is a great example of how our teams work together to share information and support students.



Parent Tips

Twice exceptional (2e) students need accommodations that recognize their strengths and plan for their challenges. Find out how school and home can work together to create appropriate programming for 2e students.

[2e at Home and School](#)



SPED Events

Shawnee Parks and Recreation has a catalog of events for the summer for ALL students. Their adaptive programs allow ALL to participate. Look for classes that are fun for the whole family.

[Adaptive Programs](#)

Awareness Highlight

Gifted Awareness week was on April 3-7, 2023 in **Texas** and is scheduled for May 20-28, 2023 in **Australia**. In addition, **National Parenting Gifted Children's** week is July 16-22, 2023. No matter when you celebrate, it is important to recognize that gifted and twice-exceptional students represent a wide range of giftedness. Let's help bring awareness to the unique learning of these students. To learn more about dates of different gifted awareness weeks, click on the **highlight** above.