

## **PROGRAMMING FOR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE**

Hi Plains School District Gifted Education Services

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year we search for students who may require gifted/talented services in order to address their educational needs. \_\_\_\_\_ was nominated as a possible candidate for these services.

Based on the data we collected, your child is demonstrating exceptional academic strengths and qualifies for gifted education services in the areas checked below:

\_\_\_\_\_ General/Specific Intellectual Aptitude

**Academic Aptitudes:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Reading
- \_\_\_\_\_ Writing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Science
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Studies
- \_\_\_\_\_ World Languages

**Talent Aptitudes:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Visual Arts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Performing Arts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Musical
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psychomotor Abilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Creative or Productive Thinking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Abilities

As with all students, students identified as gifted in one or more strength areas receive continuous monitoring for appropriate pace and level of instruction in the regular classroom. Such differentiated instruction might include single subject acceleration; flexible groupings by strength, readiness, and interest; high-level elective classes (middle school); college and independent study classes (high school); and classes for academic and affective support. In addition identified gifted students are invited to participate in enrichment programs, competitions, and curricular extensions related to their strength areas.

I will be available to assist classroom teachers as they explore which educational alternative might be considered. Your child's success with these provisions will depend largely on the degree of task commitment he/she exhibits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to continuing our efforts to enrich your child's school experience.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Leoffler  
Gifted/Talented Resource Coordinator