

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ~**

### **How can I tell if my child is gifted?**

An exceptionally bright child may have several, but usually not all, of the following characteristics.

- Extraordinary memory
- Excellent sense of humor
- Poor attention, boredom, and daydreaming, but long attention span when involved in some things
- Wide range of interests
- Extended general knowledge
- Perfectionism
- Strong opinions
- Leadership ability
- Questions rules, customs, and traditions
- Abstract reasoning and problem-solving skills
- Vivid imagination

### **Why don't all gifted students make good grades?**

Bright students are susceptible to underachievement. Tests may show they have mastered a subject area or have high abilities, but they do not bring home good grades or the quality of their work is poor. Sometimes they "coast" for too many years and lose their study habits. Sometimes they try to fit in with their peers and "dumb themselves down." Bright, underachieving students could have a learning disability or an attention problem. Occasionally, bright students struggle with social or emotional concerns that are getting in the way of their school performance.