

# Upper Township School District Gifted & Talented Program

## Definition of Giftedness:

Gifted and talented students are students who possess or demonstrate high levels of ability in one or more content areas when compared to their chronological peers in the district and who require modification of their educational program if they are to achieve in accordance with their capabilities.

## Gifted and Talented Program Goals:

1. Provide a variety of appropriate types and levels of acceleration, curriculum compacting and enrichment in grades 1-12 that are based on student needs.
2. Provide students with learning experiences at an appropriate level of challenge based on multiple measures used in the identification process.
3. Design, develop and implement high quality curricula that are supported by research-based models appropriate for gifted students and are aligned with, and extend, the general classroom curricula.
4. Annually assess and evaluate the effectiveness of the gifted and talented program at addressing students' needs.
5. Provide specialized training for teachers who have responsibility for students with advanced potential.