



Module: Nature and Needs of Gifted Students

The *Nature and Needs of Gifted Students* module provides an overview of gifted education on the national, state, and local level. Cognitive, social, and emotional characteristics common to individuals who are gifted are identified, along with strategies that can be used to meet the academic needs of different categories of students who are gifted.

Competencies for the Nature and Needs of Gifted Students Module:

The topics developed in *Nature and Needs of Gifted Students* address various objectives. It is anticipated that, upon successful completion of this module, the participant will be able to:

1. Identify characteristics of giftedness and discuss the needs and problems associated with these characteristics.
2. Demonstrate awareness of how factors such as family dynamics, culture integration of self and education influence the development of giftedness.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of normal and advanced (typical and atypical) child development.
4. Illustrate the relationship between high academic achievement and giftedness.
5. Compare and contrast the theories of intelligence that pertain to gifted education.
6. Identify emerging national and state trends in the identification of students who may be gifted.
7. Describe traditional and alternative assessment instruments/techniques used to screen and identify students who are gifted.
8. Explain the referral and identification process in your district.
9. Define the criteria for gifted eligibility and placement.
10. Describe how gifted services differ from general education services with regard to curriculum, instruction, assessment, conceptual orientation, grouping, and environment.
11. Discuss the relationship of the level of need to placement in a continuum of services.
12. Identify the social and emotional needs of gifted students and discuss their implications in determining services.
13. Describe the characteristics of an effective teacher of gifted students.
14. Identify the laws that directly impact gifted students and programs in Florida, including the relationship between exceptional student education and gifted programs.