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VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS

- ♦ outstanding in sense of spatial relationships
- ♦ unusual ability for expressing self feelings, moods, etc., through art, dance, drama, music
 - ♦ good motor coordination
 - ♦ exhibits creative expression
- ♦ desire for producing "own product" (not content with mere copying)
 - ♦ observant

LEADERSHIP

- ♦ assumes responsibility
- ♦ high expectations for self and others
- ♦ fluent, concise self-expression
- ♦ foresees consequences and implications of decisions
- ♦ good judgement in decision making
- ♦ likes structure
- ♦ well liked by peers
- ♦ self-confident
- ♦ organized

CREATIVE THINKING

- ♦ independent thinker
- ♦ exhibits original thinking in oral and written expression
- ♦ comes up with several solutions to a given problem
 - ♦ possesses a sense of humor
 - ♦ creates and invents
 - ♦ challenged by creative tasks
 - ♦ improvises often
- ♦ does not mind being different from the crowd

SPECIFIC ACADEMIC ABILITY

- ♦ good memorization ability
- ♦ advanced comprehension
- ♦ acquires basic-skills knowledge quickly
 - ♦ widely read in special-interest area
- ♦ high academic success in special-interest area
- ♦ pursues special interests with enthusiasm and vigor

GENERAL INTELLECTUAL ABILITY

- ♦ formulates abstractions
- ♦ processes information in complex ways
 - ♦ observant
- ♦ excited about new ideas
 - ♦ enjoys hypothesizing
 - ♦ learns rapidly
- ♦ uses a large vocabulary
 - ♦ inquisitive
 - ♦ self-starter

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