

*"Children and youth with outstanding talent who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment."*

– US Department of Education, 1993

## **ASD20 Gifted Education Program Belief Statement:**

The Academy School District 20 Gifted Education Program is dedicated to excellence by maximizing the potential and meeting the exceptional educational and affective needs of identified gifted students from diverse populations. The Academy School District 20 Gifted Education Program provides gifted students opportunities for intellectual challenge, engaging enrichments, and dynamic programming resulting in maximum growth. We strive to inspire creativity, passion for learning, leadership, and social responsibility.

## **Colorado Department of Education's Definition of Gifted Children:**

'Gifted Children' means those persons between the ages of four and twenty-one whose aptitude or competence in abilities, talents, and potential for accomplishment in one or more domains are so exceptional or developmentally advanced that they require special provisions to meet their educational programming needs.

Gifted children are hereafter referred to as gifted students. Children under five who are gifted may also be provided with early childhood special educational services. Gifted students include gifted students with disabilities (i.e. twice exceptional) and students with exceptional abilities or potential from all socio-economic, ethnic, and cultural populations.

Gifted students are capable of high performance, exceptional production, or exceptional learning behavior by virtue of any or a combination of these areas of giftedness:

- General or Specific Intellectual Ability
- Specific Academic Aptitude
- Creative or Productive Thinking
- Leadership Abilities
- Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Musical, Dance, or Psychomotor Abilities"

