**Arkansas Definition of Giftedness**

The following definition shall guide districts in providing services and opportunities for students identified as gifted and talented:

*Gifted and talented children and youth are those of high potential or ability whose learning characteristics and educational needs require qualitatively differentiated educational experiences and/or services.*

*Possession of these talents and gifts, or the potential for their development, will be evidenced through an interaction of above average intellectual ability, task commitment and /or motivation, and creative ability.*