

## Philosophy & Program

The Bedminster Township School District is committed to an educational program that develops critical thinkers and independent, lifelong learners. Each individual possesses a variety of intelligences, as well as a unique learning style, temperament, and pattern growth and development. Students of all ages need to learn at their instructional level with pace and depth of content matching and challenging their abilities. The Bedminster Township School District recognizes the unique values, needs, talents, abilities and intelligences of the individual student and thereby provides enriching and challenging experiences for all students.

New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:83.1 defines students who are gifted and talented as those students who possess and demonstrate high ability in one or more content areas when compared to their chronological peers in the local school district and require modification of their educational program if they are to achieve in accordance with their capabilities. The Bedminster Township School District uses multiple measures to identify students who are gifted and talented. Multiple measures include achievement test scores, grades, student performance, and teacher recommendation. The Bedminster Township School District has developed programs and differentiated opportunities using the Pre-K through Grade 12 National Gifted Program Standards as guidance.

The Bedminster Township School District acknowledges that some students may meet the criteria for twice-exceptional. This may describe a child that has characteristics of a student who has gifted characteristics who may also have a disability as defined by federal or state eligibility criteria. Each child is valued and opportunities are developed to meet the individual needs of the learner.