



Jeffco Public Schools
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Jeffco will be using the following focus/strength area coding within SOARS for our Advanced Learning Plans (ALP). Student focus/strength area(s) will align to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) Gifted Identification Guidelines. A student may be marked in one or more of the following areas:

- **General Intellectual Ability (GIA):** is exceptional capability or potential recognized through cognitive processes (e.g., memory, reasoning, rate of learning, spatial reasoning, ability to find and solve problems, ability to manipulate abstract ideas and make connections).
 - All new students with a cognitive strength area will have the GIA focus area.
 - Most newly identified student(s) will also have a specific academic aptitude focus/strength area.
 - All students formerly identified with a cognitive strength such as nonverbal, verbal or quantitative will now be designated using the GIA focus/strength area. Students formally identified prior to the new identification guidelines will be “grandfathered in” and will remain identified within Jeffco.
 - As we continue to build a body of evidence we will gradually add specific academic aptitude strength/focus areas as determined by qualifying data.
- **Specific Academic Aptitude**
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Mathematics
 - Social Studies*
 - Science*
 - World Language*

**When a qualifying body of evidence is available*
- **Specific Talent Aptitude**

Jeffco is working on the body of evidence (BOE) requirements for the following strength areas. Students formally identified prior to the new identification guidelines will be “grandfathered in” and will remain identified within Jeffco.

 - Visual Arts
 - Performing Arts (Drama/Theater)
 - Musical
 - Dance
 - Psychomotor Abilities
 - Creative or Productive Thinking
 - Leadership Abilities