## Indicators of Giftedness in Māori: Cultural Abilities and Qualities

* Communicates in te reo Māori clearly, fluently and flexibly using a variety of advanced language structures and figures of speech;
* Can compose, deliver and respond to a karanga, karakia, mihimihi or whaikörero appropriate to the occasion and audience;
* Has a broad knowledge of Māori, iwi and hapü history and tikanga;
* Has in depth knowledge of a particular iwi or hapü including their history, tikanga, dialect and whakatauaki;
* Has a broad knowledge of Māori mythology and can interpret myth messages in a contemporary context;
* Demonstrates advanced practical and creative ability in some form of Māori art or craft eg. carving, weaving
* Demonstrates advanced performing and creative ability in some form of Māori music eg. composes contemporary waiata and haka, has an extensive repertoire of traditional waiata;
* Displays advanced ability in Māori games, pastimes and practices eg. taiaha expertise;
* Has a keen interest in and wide knowledge of whänau, hapü and iwi whakapapa;
* Has a deep appreciation of traditional Māori values such as manaakitanga and whanaungatanga and embodies these in word and action;
* Has advanced spiritual understanding, perception, appreciation and ability (wairuatanga) and knowledge of traditional and contemporary karakia;
* Has in depth knowledge of traditional healing principles and practices;
* Possesses a strong sense of Māori identity and incorporates cultural content and allusion in many fields of endeavour;
* Has a high level of respect for and affinity with kaumatua;
* Possesses and is accorded a high degree of mana from peers;
* Has a well developed sense of altruism and is selfless in service to others.

From “Identifying and Providing for Gifted and Talented Māori Students” by Jill Bevan-Brown (2009)

Practical strategies and ideas that complement this checklist can be found in [this article](http://www.giftedchildren.org.nz/apex/pdfs15/Bevan-Brown%20J.pdf) on which it is based and other Māori-relevant readings on this website.