As leaders are preparing to support the instruction for gifted students, it is important to take into consideration the needs of gifted learners. Gifted students thrive in an environment where the teaching considers the complexity of the learning and the readiness of the learner. To support this idea, this tool provides look-fors for leaders, aligned to the instructional core (assessment, instruction, content, and evaluation and feedback), to help teachers best support gifted learners accelerate learning. For more learning acceleration resources, click here.

**Support that emphasizes:**
- Qualifying data for gifted students (looking for patterns of strengths/areas of growth)
- Use of pre-assessments
- Multiple assessments
- Differentiated product demands

**Coaching that emphasizes:**
- Utilizing above grade-level standards
- Training to reduce inferences about application of strategies
- Teaching and learning models to demonstrate high-level instruction

**Strategies that emphasize:**
- Reasoning models
- Metacognition
- Interdisciplinary application
- Use of graphic organizers to scaffold instruction
- Peer coaching
- Engagement and creative production
- Connections across areas of study

**Curriculum that emphasizes:**
- Acceleration of standards
- Depth and complexity
- Concepts over facts
- Persuasive/argumentative writing
- Advanced vocabulary and reading materials