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Network Vision Statement
As a long-time gifted educator, I’ve seen first-hand the tremendous power of creativity in teaching and learning. As a member of the NAGC Creativity Network, I hope to highlight the importance of creativity in gifted education, and provide ways for teachers and families to recognize and encourage creative talents. Creativity is often mistaken for artistic ability. Yes, there is overlap between these talents. There is, however; a broader definition of creativity that should be recognized, identified, and developed—both in students and in our colleagues.

Creativity is a hot commodity, one that employers want, and schools are aiming to develop. Creativity is the basis of innovation and will solve many of society’s most difficult problems. It is not enough to encourage creativity, gifted educators need research-based practices to discover and encourage creative talents. Discovering, evaluating, and sharing these best practices in creativity will help me to serve gifted educators.