

Parent Concerns and Appeals Process

The Talented and Gifted Program utilizes an appeals process similar to the District complaint process. If parents or guardians are dissatisfied with their child's identification status and/or the recommended programs and services:

1. They may contact the building principal and submit a written request for reconsideration or additional/alternate services.
2. The principal will acknowledge receipt of the complaint in writing within five working days and arrange to confer with the parents or guardians.
3. The principal will review the identification decision and/or suggested program with the school TAG committee and inform the parents/guardians of the committee's decision and reasoning within ten working days after parent conference.
4. If the parents/guardians remain dissatisfied and agreement cannot be reached at the building level, they may appeal directly to the District TAG Coordinator, who will then review the decisions and recommendations of the school TAG committee and render a final settlement.

In the event of an appeal, the principal has three options:

1. He/She may uphold the decision of the committee. If the committee's decision was consistent with the criteria for the appropriate screening (1st, 2nd, or 3rd), the committee's decision should be upheld.
2. He/She may reverse the decision of the committee and opt for reconsideration. This should be used if:
 - a. The committee's decision was inconsistent with appropriate criteria.
 - b. Additional non-standardized or portfolio-type information indicates a strong possibility that student may be eligible for TAG services
3. Reverse the decision of the committee and identify the student. This option should be exercised ONLY if the student had been identified previously then dropped due to the absence of parent permission slip.