

Appeals Procedure for Talented and Gifted Identification and Placement**

The Board has established an appeals process for parents to utilize if they are dissatisfied with the identification process and/or placement of their student in the district program for talented and gifted students and wish to request reconsideration. The district's desire and intent is to reach satisfactory solutions during the informal process:

Informal Process:

1. The parent(s) will contact the designated district representative to request reconsideration;
2. The designated district representative will confer with the parent(s) and may include any additional appropriate persons. At this time, information pertinent to the selection or placement will be shared;
3. If an agreement cannot be reached, the parent(s) may initiate the Formal Process.

Formal Process:

1. Parent(s) shall submit a written request for reconsideration of the identification/placement to the Board;
2. The Board shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of the request within five working days and shall forward copies of the request and acknowledgment, to the designated district representative;
3. The designated district representative and other appropriate persons shall review the student's file and earlier decisions within ten working days of the original request. Additional data may be gathered to support or change the earlier decision;
4. Parent(s) may be provided an opportunity to present additional evidence;
5. If deemed necessary, a formal hearing will be conducted by the district hearings officer utilizing the appropriate procedures;
6. A decision will be made within 30 working days after receipt of the written request for reconsideration. The parent(s) shall be notified of the decision in writing and the decision shall be forwarded to the designated district representative;
7. The decision may be appealed to the Board;
8. If the parent(s) are still dissatisfied, an appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction following the procedures outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) may be used. The district shall provide a copy of the appropriate OAR upon request.