

Appeals Procedure for Talented and Gifted Identification and Placement**

The Board has established an appeals process for parents to use if they are dissatisfied with the identification process and/or placement or denial of their student in the district program for talented and gifted students and wish to request reconsideration. It is the district's desire and intent that satisfactory solutions can be reached.

Informal Process

1. The parent(s) will contact the district talented and gifted coordinator to request reconsideration by filling out district nomination forms.
2. Additional testing may be requested at parent(s) expense.
3. The coordinator will confer with the parent(s) and may include any additional appropriate persons, e.g. principal, counselor, teacher, etc. At this time, information pertinent to the selection or placement will be shared.
4. 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 director of instruction.
2. The director of instruction shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of the request within five working days and shall forward copies of the request and acknowledgment to the TAG Coordinator.
3. The director of instruction, TAG coordinator, and other appropriate persons, e.g., principal, counselor, teacher, etc., shall review the student's file and earlier decisions within 20 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 hearing's officer utilizing the appropriate procedures.
6. A decision will be made within 60 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 superintendent.

7. The decision may be appealed to the Board.
8. If the parent(s) are still dissatisfied, they have access of appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction following the procedures outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). A copy of the appropriate OAR will be provided upon request.