

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:
GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

EHBB
(REGULATION)

Students nominated for the gifted and talented program must meet the established criteria for acceptance into the program. A Campus Selection Committee will review all nominations and notify the parent/guardian within established timeframes of the committee's decision.

CAMPUS-LEVEL
APPEAL TO
CAMPUS
SELECTION
COMMITTEE

Parents or students may appeal a campus decision regarding selection for or removal from the gifted program. Parents may request an appeal in writing to the campus within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the denial of placement or removal from the gifted program. Prior to the campus-level conference, the student or parent shall submit a written form [see EHBB (REG) (EXHIBIT)] that includes the student's or parent's signed statement of disagreement with the selection or removal decision. If the student or parent has additional information that may have impacted the results of the screening, this information must be presented with the appeal form prior to the time of the conference.

An appeal conference will be held at the campus level with the Campus Selection Committee within fifteen (15) school days of the receipt of the written request for appeal. If there are less than fifteen (15) school days remaining in a semester when a campus receives a request for an appeal conference, the appeal conference will be held within the first fifteen (15) school days of the new semester. At the campus appeal conference, the Campus Selection Committee will give the student or parent an opportunity to present the information submitted on the Gifted and Talented Appeal Form. Following the conference, the Campus Selection Committee will meet to deliberate and render a decision on the appeal which may or may not include a request for additional data before a final decision can be made. The student or parent will receive written notification of the committee's decision within ten (10) school days following the appeal conference. The District does not accept and will not consider private testing or evaluation reports in order to ensure equity. No new information may be presented after the Campus Selection Committee appeal has rendered its decision.

DISTRICT-
LEVEL APPEAL

If the outcome of the Campus Selection Committee is not to the student's or parent's satisfaction, the student or parent may submit a written request for a District-level appeal in accordance with FNG(LOCAL) beginning at Level Two. The written request must be received by the appropriate Executive Director for Elementary Education or Secondary Education within ten (10) school days following the receipt of the decision of the Campus Selection Committee. The request should include a copy of the Gifted and Talented Appeal Form submitted for the campus-level appeal and a copy of the Campus Selection Committee's decision. The appropriate Executive Director for Elementary Education or Secondary Education shall convene a District-level appeal committee within ten (10) school days after receiving the request. Parents will be invited to address the District-level Two appeal committee during the beginning of the meeting. No new information may be shared with the District-level Two committee that was not presented to the campus-level committee. The student or parent will receive written notification of the committee's decision within ten (10) school days following the appeal meeting.

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APPEAL TO THE
BOARD

If the outcome of the District-level Two appeal is not to the student's or parent's satisfaction, the student or parent may follow the complaint procedures outlined in Board Policy FNG (LOCAL) beginning at Level III to appeal to the Board. The student or parent must complete and submit the written form for a Level III FNG appeal to the Superintendent within ten (10) days after receipt of the District-level response. A copy of the request for appeals to the Campus Selection Committee and the District-level committee and the decisions from each of those proceedings should be attached to the Level III FNG form.

The Board will hear the complaint according to Board Policy FNG (LOCAL). The Board will make a ruling based on the record; therefore, no new information may be shared with the Board that was not presented at the preceding levels. The student or parent will have ten (10) minutes to summarize the complaint when it is heard by the Board.