

Gulfport School District Gifted Hearing Process for Annual Reassessment

In the event a parent is not in agreement with the school based committee decision and wishes to appeal the results of the annual reassessment and removal from the gifted program. The district recognizes the following policy for appeals:

1. The parent must notify the school, in writing, within ten (10) school days of receiving the student reassessment report.
2. Within 10 calendar days of receiving the written request for appeal, the gifted review team, composed of the site Principal, Gifted Teacher, Referring Teacher, and Gifted Chairperson will review all data presented and inform the parent of the committee's decision.
3. If the appeal is approved, the student will return to the gifted program.
4. If the appeal is not approved, the parent may contact the Director of Special Services in writing of the decision to request a formal district hearing.

Formal District Hearing:

1. Time of hearing: The hearing will be set no sooner than five days nor later than 30 days from the date of the parent's proper completion of a written request for a hearing, unless otherwise agreed by both parties involved.
2. Define Issue(s): Whether the Gulfport School District's actions in response to site level gifted review team's decision in regards to the parent's appeal were correct.
3. Parent's Written Notice Requirement: Written notice of specific grievances/claims that the Parent intends to pursue at the hearing, together with a summary of factual basis therefore, a list of witnesses and a copy of documentary evidence supporting the specific parent claim. If the Parent fails to timely provide this information, the grievance/claims will be dismissed.
4. District's Written Notice Requirements: Not less than five days before the hearing date, the District will provide a list of witnesses and a copy of documentary evidence it intends to present in response to Parent's claim.

If the appeal is denied, the student will be removed from the gifted program, and follow all MDE regulations.