



What to expect from NH schools and districts:

Options for families with concerns

Sometimes families may feel out of the loop with school and district decision-making. It is important that families know that the goal of the school district is not to keep them out of the process and that decisions are often based on the safety of everyone. The local school board is empowered under statute to make such determinations. Because parent input is important, the NH Department of Education is providing options for how to handle concerns.

With whom should I raise concerns?

It is always best to try to resolve any concerns you may have with your child's teacher. If still dissatisfied, you can then proceed to the next in the chain of command at your school and district until satisfied (see graphic at right).

Ask yourself: Is there a way to resolve problems or make adjustments that would make me more comfortable with the decision?

What should I say?

It is important to remember to maintain focus by letting the person know:

- ✓ This is my concern
- ✓ This is why it's a concern
- ✓ This is what I want you to do to address my concern

Be specific and focused on solutions. A specific resolution may not be possible for a variety of reasons. Be prepared to offer alternatives that would help to resolve the issue.

School board

At the school board level there are a variety of options, depending upon the concern and desired outcome



Superintendent



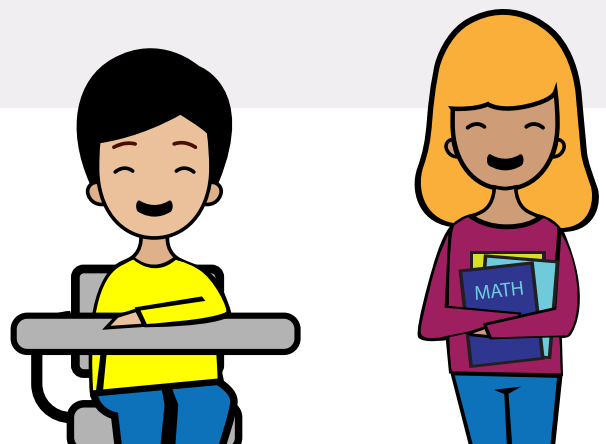
Principal



Teacher



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If you are still dissatisfied or feel that your school cannot meet the needs of your child, please consider the options below.

→ Use your phone to scan the corresponding QR code or use the link provided

Change of school assignment:

RSA 193:3, I-III, appealable through Ed 204 and Ed 206

LINK: http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/ed200.html



If you live in a town that does not have its own school and would like your school to consider a non-public school:

School assignment appeal under RSA 193:3, VI

LINK: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XV/193/193-3.htm>

If you are the parent of a special education student:

Placement appeals pursuant to Ed 1123

LINK: http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/ed1100.html



If you are not interested in changing your child's school assignment out of their current school but do not like the school district's policy, you can file for an administrative hearing:

Appeal of local school board policy, in general (Ed 204) and (Ed 206)

LINK: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XV/193/193-3.htm>

If you are not interested in changing your child's school assignment out of their current school but would like the state board to look into your school board's determination on a local school board policy:

Complaint to state board regarding local school board policy, in general, RSA 186:5

LINK: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XV/186/186-5.htm>



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