

## Grievance Procedure

Parents, students or both (Grades P-12) may petition for identification or may appeal nonidentification or appropriateness of services.

1. The appealing party shall submit in writing to the GT Coordinator the specific reason s/he believes the screening results are not accurate, or talent pool services or service options in the Gifted Student Services Plan (GSSP) are not appropriate and why an exception should be made for this student.
2. The GT Coordinator shall compile student data and present it along with the petition or appeal to the GT Selection/Placement Committee. The information presented shall include a recommendation accompanied by available substantiating evidence.
3. The committee shall hear appeals, make a recommendation and respond in writing to the appealing party within 10 working days of receipt of the appeal and accompanying information. If the appeal concerns the non-availability of appropriate service options, the committee shall consult with the school council.
4. If the committee rules in favor of the parent/student, the following options shall apply as appropriate:
  - a. She/he may participate in the program as soon as the parent or guardian signs the required permission form.
  - b. A change in either the services and GSSP or provision of services shall be made in a timely manner.
5. If the committee rules against the parent/student, a further written appeal may be made to the Superintendent, who must respond in writing within ten (10) working days of receipt of the appeal.
6. Should the Superintendent uphold the decision of the Selection/Placement Committee, the appealing party may petition the school board, which will have the final decision in the case. The board shall make a determination at the next regular meeting following receipt of the appeal.