

Middle Township

Appeals Process for Gifted and Talented Placement

As per guidelines from the Strengthening the Gifted and Talented Education Act

Parent(s)/guardian(s) may appeal a placement decision regarding admission or dismissal from the Gifted program. Appeals shall be made in writing and received within fifteen (15) days of the date the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) first knew, or with reasonable diligence should have known, of the decision or action giving rise to the complaint or grievance. Written appeals shall be sent to the building principal and must include the nature of the concern and contain supporting documentation attached.

If the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) do not receive the relief requested at the building principal level, the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) may request (in writing) a conference with the Director of Curriculum to appeal the decision. If the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) do not receive the relief requested at the Director level, the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) may request (in writing) a conference with the Superintendent or designee to appeal the decision.

At no time will any requests be accepted that circumvent the procedures above. Please note that the identification process is confidential and individual results will not be released. Therefore appeals will not be granted if they are asking to appeal results of any part of the identification process.

Please note that placement decisions are reversed only in instances where extensive documentation is presented providing significant evidence that the child's knowledge, skills and abilities are superior to those measured by school personnel.

While we will consider any external documentation that you may present, please remember that the ultimate decision regarding placement and services lies with the school district.