

Pleasantville School District's Procedural Gifted and Talented Complaint Process

Pursuant to A4710 1R: Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act, the following protocol must be used to file a complaint alleging that a school district is not in compliance with the provisions of the Act. The alleged occurrence of noncompliance must have taken place within one year of filing the complaint.

The complainant/appealing party may utilize this procedure to resolve a concern.

1. The appealing party shall submit to the school in writing the specific concern, using a district created form that will be found on the website.
2. The school shall notify the GT teacher and the District GT Coordinator of the grievance.
3. The Gifted/Talented District Coordinator and the GT teacher shall compile a student profile and present that along with the petition to a Grievance Committee consisting of a regular education teacher of the student, a gifted education teacher and/or GT Coordinator, and a school administrator. The profile shall include a recommendation with substantiating evidence from the child's current and previous teachers.
4. The Committee shall hear grievance appeals within the instructional quarter/semester in which the grievance occurs, whenever possible. The Committee shall then make a recommendation for action or non-action on behalf of the concern, and discuss that recommendation with the appealing party in a scheduled meeting. Should the appealing party not be the parent/guardian, the parent/guardian shall also be informed of the meeting date.
5. If the resultant action is that the student should be administered additional testing to determine eligibility for specified services, the parent/guardian will be asked to sign a permission form for the additional testing.
6. If the resultant action is that the student will now be eligible for the specified GT services, he/she may begin receiving services as soon as the parent/guardian signs for permission to serve.
7. If the resultant action is that a modification in services is needed, these modifications will begin as soon as all parties involved have been informed of the changes.
8. If the resultant action is that the student is determined to be not eligible for formal GT services, a written appeal may be made to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools.
9. Should the Assistant Superintendent uphold the decision; the appealing party may petition the Superintendent of Schools.
10. Should the Superintendent uphold the decision of the Committee, the appealing party may petition the Board of Education, which shall have the final decision in the case.