

Atlantic City Public Schools Office of Curriculum and Instruction

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Gifted and Talented Non-Compliance Complaint Process

Atlantic City Public Schools' Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for the provision of educational opportunities for students with exceptional abilities. To that end, the Board directs that each such pupil be identified and offered an appropriate educational program and services. <u>District Policy 2464</u> outlines an overview of the policies and procedures used to identify gifted and talented students and the continuum of services offered.

The district has an ongoing identification process for gifted and talented students that includes multiple measures in order to identify student strengths; these include report card grades, standardized test scores, teacher recommendations, and an admissions assessment. Students are identified as early as Spring of their Kindergarten year and have access to be admitted to gifted programs each year throughout their time in elementary and middle school.

New Jersey law states, "an individual who believes that a school district has not complied with the provisions of this Act may file a complaint with the district board of education. The right to file a complaint shall be set forth in the board's policy on gifted and talented education. The policy shall be linked to the homepage of the board's website. The board shall issue a decision, in writing, to affirm, reject, or modify the district's action in the matter.

The individual may then file a petition of appeal of the board's written decision to the Commissioner of Education through the Office of Controversies and Disputes in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:6-9 and the procedures set forth in State Board of Education regulations [*N.J.A.C.* 6A:3-1.3 and 1.4]."

As per state requirements, any feedback or complaints regarding non-compliance with district policy can be sent using the linked <u>Gifted and Talented Non-Compliance Complaint Form.</u>