PROCEDURE TO RESOLVE DISAGREEMENTS

When disagreement occurs in grades K-5, the parent should first meet with the regular education teacher and the AIG Specialist. In grades 6-12, the parent should meet with the regular education teacher and the person responsible for gifted education at the school. If an agreement cannot be reached, the principal at the local school should attempt to resolve the disagreement. If no resolution is possible, the disagreement should be reviewed by the Director of Exceptional Children/ Academically Intellectually Gifted Services. The next level for resolution involves the Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services and/or the Superintendent. If agreement cannot be reached administratively, the problem should be reviewed by the local school board. At any point in the hierarchy of discussions, the school system should consider the possibility of mediation with an impartial facilitator. If the parents/ guardians and the local school system cannot reach agreement, the parent has the right to petition an administrative law judge. The school system is not required to provide attorney fees for petitions. This Grievance Procedure follows the Cleveland County Schools Policy that is included in this section. The time limits and guidelines for written grievances are defined in the document.