



Township of Ocean Schools

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Meeting the needs of all students with a proud tradition of academic excellence.

Gifted and Talented Program Complaint Process

On January 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law A4710, the [Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act](#). Part of this legislation allows individuals to file a complaint alleging a school district is not in compliance with the provisions of this act. A complaint may only allege noncompliance that has occurred within one year prior to the date that the complaint is submitted.

The district's complaint process is detailed below; however, we respectfully request that students and/or parents reach out to the student's school counselor for clarification on our services and entrance criteria. Parents and students considering filing a complaint are asked to speak with the Supervisor of Gifted & Talented, the Director of School Counseling, the Principal, and the Superintendent before filing their complaint with the Board of Education.

Complaint Process

1. Complaints should be made in writing to Board of Education and include the following:
 - a statement that the identified school district is not in compliance with the provisions of this act, and the specific facts on which the allegation of noncompliance is based; and
 - the name, address, and contact information of the complainant

The board shall issue a decision, in writing, to affirm, reject, or modify the district's action in the matter.

2. The individual may then file a petition of appeal the 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.

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