Frisco ISD Gifted and Talented (QUEST)
Appeal Process for Denial of Entrance into Program

The selection committee will consist of at least three district educators who have received training in the nature and needs of gifted students. The selection committee will evaluate each nominated/referred student according to the established criteria and shall identify those students for whom placement in the gifted and talented program is the most appropriate educational setting. The following procedures shall apply when a parent requests that a placement decision be reconsidered.

Conditions for appeals:
♦ a condition or circumstance believing to have caused a misinterpretation of the testing results exists
♦ an inequitable or inappropriate application of the identification process is alleged
♦ parents have substantial evidence to introduce that, when added to the existing information, creates a compelling ‘preponderance of evidence’ regarding the student’s need for program services

Informal Level:
Prior to the filing of a formal appeal, parents are encouraged to confer with the campus GT teacher to review the assessment process and discuss the results.

Level One – Appeal to the Selection Committee:
If a parent disagrees with the selection committee’s decision to deny admittance into the GT program, the parent may appeal the decision to the selection committee (EHBB LOCAL). A written notice of appeal must be made within 15 business days of the postmark date on the denial of placement letter. Written appeals must be filed on the FISD GT (QUEST) appeals form and must include information supporting that one or more of the appeal conditions exist. This form can be obtained from the campus GT teacher. Within 15 business days of receipt of the written notification of appeal, the selection committee shall review information presented by the parent in the level one appeal and provide the parent with a written response. The response will be sent to the parent via certified U.S. mail.

Level Two – Appeal to the District Appeals Committee:
If the parent desires to appeal the Level One response, the parent must submit a written notice of appeal within 10 business days of receipt of notification of the Level One response. Written appeals must be filed on the FISD GT (QUEST) Level Two appeal form and must include information supporting that one or more of the appeal conditions exist. This form can be obtained from the campus GT teacher. The Level Two appeal will be heard by a committee designated by the superintendent. Within 10 business days of receipt of the written notification of appeal, the committee shall hold a Level Two hearing with the parent. The committee will have 10 business days following the hearing to make a decision and provide the parent with a written response. The response will be sent to the parent via certified U.S. mail. The final decision of the district appeals committee will be submitted to the Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.