

Niagara Falls City School District Enrichment/CAP/Accelerated Appeals Process

Students in the Niagara Falls City School District have the opportunity to participate in the Enrichment Program in Grades 2 through 6, the Comprehensive Acceleration Program in Grades 7 and 8, or to be enrolled in Accelerated Math and/or Science courses in Grades 7 and 8. Students must meet eligibility requirements established by the District to enter these programs.

The following process has been established for those students and their families who wish to appeal the student's eligibility status because the student has not been invited to participate in one of the programs:

- Parents/guardians shall complete the Appeal Form (found at www.nfschools.net or by calling the Assessment Office at 286-4285).
- The Assessment Office Secretary will accept returned documents & collect students' academic data. Student name(s) will be kept confidential.
- An Appeals Committee will convene to review all appeals submitted by the established deadline. The Assessment Office Secretary will prepare a compilation of each student's academic data without including any student's name, nor other identifying information. (Allowing for a "blind" review.)
- The Appeals Committee shall be comprised of:
 - 1 School Psychologist
 - 1 Elementary Teacher
 - 1 Secondary Teacher
 - 1 Central Office Administrator
 - 1 School Principal
- The Appeals Committee will review each student's Appeal Form and academic data and determine if there are sufficient data to support the student's inclusion in the program.

On some occasions, students who are enrolled in the Enrichment, CAP or Accelerated Programs are challenged with academic rigor that is no longer appropriate for the student, and the child is no longer scheduled for these courses. Should a parent decide to appeal this decision, the same Appeals Process shall be followed.