

Parents and Students Requesting Information
Appealing Placement in Fast Paced Language Arts and Fast Paced Mathematics

District 200 offers a middle school language arts program and mathematics for advanced students. Identification into the program includes testing followed by placement using student performance on the SAT Reasoning Test. At times, parents or teachers feel the test results or recommendations do not reflect the capability of the student. Therefore, an appeals process is available to parents and/or staff who wish to pursue placement of a student after the identification process is complete.

There are two options:

1. Students may retake the SAT Reasoning Test. If you wish to pursue this, register for testing through www.collegeboard.com (students age 13 and over may register online, younger students must pick up a paper registration form from a high school guidance office), or by calling the company at (609) 771-7600. District 200 will host an administration of the SAT as part of the Talent Search program during January/February. Students may also contact the Gifted Office at 682-2024 for information regarding registration for this testing.
2. District 200's appeals process includes the following steps:
 - a. Completing the primary form of recommendation. One set of papers is for you to complete; the other may be duplicated and distributed to other educators or professionals. You may ask classroom teachers to complete forms; however, it is not necessary to include the additional recommendations. Teachers are under no obligation to fill out the additional form. If you do ask a teacher to complete the additional form, there is a deadline. Please contact the Gifted Office for the current deadline.
 - b. Submitting student projects, reports, and/or graded essays that show evidence of need.
 - c. It is suggested, at this age level, to submit a letter written by the student stating his or her reasons for requesting placement in the class.
 - d. **All documents are due in the Gifted Office at the Student Service Center. Please contact the Gifted Office for the current deadline.**

Please review these options. An appeals committee will meet to review each student's appeal file. Parents will be informed of the results by U.S. mail.

If you have any questions, please contact the Gifted Office at 682-2024.