

**District Decision and Appeals Process
Area Definitions and Descriptions**

Areas	Descriptions
Academic Dishonesty	Cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of purposefully gaining an unfair advantage
Bullying	Use of threats or force to domineer or drive into compliance
National Honor Society	National organization that recognizes student scholastic excellence through student membership
Course/Teacher Assignment	Reassignment of teachers to different grades or classes
Instruction	The processes by which students are taught
Activities	Non-athletic, co-curricular activities such as organizations, clubs, theatre, music, etc.
Athletics	Officially sanctioned athletic programs by the District and WIAA
Course Change	Course (teacher of course) changes discussed with Counselors and approved by Principals
Credits	Earned units (.5) by secondary students for successful completion (passing) of courses
Curriculum	The knowledge and skills taught in classes including but not limited to information, materials, media, textbooks, novels, library books, media, etc.
Counselor Change	Parental or student request to change counselors at the secondary levels
Donations	Material or monetary donations to the District
Facility Usage	Use of any District facility or site
Discipline	Corrective actions, penalty or punishment imposed for violation of the behavior code
Discrimination	The act or instance of distinguishing treatment, arbitrarily favoring, or deciding for/against on the basis of age, sex, disability or any other protected category
Harassment	Physical, verbal and/or threatening conduct that creates a perception of hostility
Early Entrance	Admission to school (Kindergarten or 1 st grade) prior to the legal age
Four (4) K Assignment	Attendance site based on parent request and availability
Open Enrollment	Open enrollment allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live
Fee Refund	The return of a fee or fees collected for books and materials, co-curricular activities, parking, musical instrument rental and other approved purposes
Fee Waiver	The waiving of fees such as book/activity fees in cases of family bankruptcy and/or families qualified to receive free or reduced price lunches as determined by application to the National School Lunch program or other District approved criteria
Grades	Grades assigned by teachers to students as part of the assessment and evaluation of their academic performance (A, B, C, D, F, and others)
Grade Advancement or Retention	Decisions made to advance a student to the next grade or retain the student in their current grade
Gifted/Talented	Students with exceptionalities identified by the District in the following areas: intellectual, specific academic, leadership, creativity, visual and performing arts
PE Medical Waiver	Medical doctor's note of approval for excuse from PE class
In-District Transfers	Intra-district enrollment request for a school outside the identified school attendance area
Non-District/School Information Dissemination	Information disseminated within the District by non-District groups or organizations
PTO/Parent Advisory	School-based parent organizations that support the school
Transportation (Busing)	The transporting of students by the District to and from school. The District is also involved in transporting students to and from athletic and other co-curricular activities.
Special Education	Education programming and services provided to students with identified disabilities
Attendance	The required physical presence of a student to insure continuity of and participation in instruction between the ages of 6 and 18