



Key Stage 2 Moderation: Appeals process 2024

Every Local Authority (LA) is required, by the Standards and Testing Agency, to have a moderation appeals process which schools can follow if necessary. North Yorkshire LA has worked closely with regional LAs to develop the appeals process for 2024. This process will be shared with schools by email in advance and also during the LA moderation meeting.

Stage 1: During the external LA moderation meeting

If (following professional discussion between the moderator and the class teacher, and examination of additional evidence) the moderator is not able to validate the accuracy of the school's assessments in line with national standards, the moderator will inform the head teacher (or representative) and the reasons for moderator judgements will be explained. The LA record of moderation will identify any assessment judgements that were not agreed. If the head teacher does not agree the decisions made by the moderator by the end of the moderation meeting, they will make an appropriate written comment when they sign the written record. The moderator will inform the LA Moderation Manager, Lindsay Miller, as soon as possible.

Stage 2: LA moderation manager arbitration/independent review

The LA Moderation Manager will discuss the external LA moderation meeting with the head teacher, and an independent review by the LA may be arranged. This will be organised by the LA Moderation Manager and involve a LA Lead Moderator. If a second meeting takes place, the same evidence that was presented at the initial meeting will be considered. It is hoped that any disagreements can be resolved at this point. If the head teacher does not agree the decisions made following arbitration, they can request that arrangements are made for another LA to act in the third and final stage of the appeals process.

Stage 3: Formal appeal

Any formal appeal will be independently undertaken by another Local Authority. There will be no charge for the appeal.

The school will be required to send a written request for a formal appeal to: Lindsay.Miller@northyorks.gov.uk as Moderation Manager. If such a request is received, the Moderation Manager will inform the Standards and Testing Agency.

As with Stage 2, the evidence considered during the formal appeal must be the same evidence that was presented at the initial moderation meeting. This evidence will be considered in any second external moderation visit or review of evidence organised by the moderation manager of another LA. For North Yorkshire LA, appeals will be undertaken by City of York LA or East Riding LA. Appeals will be conducted by a STA approved moderator.

Following the review, City of York LA or East Riding LA will provide North Yorkshire LA with written verification of their judgement based on the evidence presented. This judgement will be final and will be reported to the school, the moderation manager of North Yorkshire LA and to the Standards and Testing Agency as soon as possible after the review has taken place.

