

KS1 and KS2 Moderation: North Yorkshire Appeals Process 2016

Where there is disagreement between the LA Moderator and the head teacher over a school's teacher assessment then the following process should be followed:

During the moderation visit

If there is insufficient evidence or concern about the accuracy of a judgement against the interim teacher assessment frameworks, the LA external moderator must request additional evidence and/or expand the sample. In certain cases, the sample may be expanded to include the whole cohort.

Where the LA external moderator judges that there is insufficient evidence for the standard awarded, they must detail the revised judgement and the reason for it within the visit note. These reasons will be discussed with the head teacher. In some cases pupils will acquire the relevant knowledge or skills after the moderation visit, but before the deadline for teacher assessment submission. In such cases the LA may agree to re-moderate pupil work.

On very rare occasions if the moderator is unable to validate judgements due to a systematic lack of evidence, they will contact the LA moderation manager who must refer the school to the STA maladministration team.

Independent Review

If a school still feels that a further review is needed they should write to the Lead Adviser, Strategy and Performance, requesting an independent review. The Lead Adviser will then take the necessary steps to instigate an independent review with a neighbouring authority. For North Yorkshire that will be East Riding or York Local Authority. The appropriate officer from the partner authority will carry out an independent moderation of judgements. The school will incur a cost of £250 for this.

Schools must have evidence to support any appeal claim before the appeal is processed. The evidence can only be based on that presented and validated during the LA moderation visit.

STA involvement

By exception only, where an LA can evidence that they have completed their appeals process, and subject to STA's strict qualifying criteria, appeals can be escalated to STA by the LA on behalf of the school.

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