



Young People's
Learning Agency

Information on the processing of objections on Academy admission arrangements

The following may submit objections on Academy admission arrangements:

- The local authority (LA) within which the Academy is located.
- The admission forum for the LA.
- Any other admission authorities and governing bodies for primary and secondary schools located within the relevant area.
- Affected admission authorities in neighbouring local authority areas.
- Parents living in the relevant area whose children have attained the age of two but are not above compulsory school age and who are or will be eligible to apply to be admitted to the Academy.
- Community groups which the Academy considers relevant.
- Teaching unions if the consultation includes an increase in admission number.
- Any faith body for the Academy.

Such objections to Academy arrangements should be submitted to the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) between 15 April and 30 June each year. The YPLA will seek advice from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) before reaching any decision on objections to Academies' arrangements. This will enable the YPLA to draw on the OSA's expertise in admissions and its independence.

Under s 25(3A) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (SSFA), when asked by the Secretary of State, an Adjudicator must give advice on matters relating to the admission of pupils to relevant schools. Under s 25(3D) of the SSFA and s 5(2)(d) of the Education Act 2005, an Academy is classed as a relevant school.

As the YPLA, under s 77 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 acts on behalf of the Secretary of State in these matters, the Adjudicator will consider the objection and make a recommendation to the YPLA. The YPLA will then reach a judgement based on all the evidence and issue a decision to all parties.

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