

2018 East Sussex Moderation Appeals Procedure (Key Stage 1 and 2)

The Local Authority (LA) has a statutory duty to moderate teacher assessments (TA) for Key Stage 1 (Reading, Writing and Maths), and KS2 (Writing).

The LA external moderator will scrutinise the evidence presented and validate each judgement within the sample against the standards within the Standards and Testing agency (STA) TA Frameworks and the national exemplification materials. The minimum sample size for Key Stage 1 will be 10% of the cohort. The minimum sample size for Key Stage 2 will be 15% of the cohort. Where the LA external moderator judges that the standard awarded by a teacher to a pupil (or pupils) is incorrect, this will be noted in the visit report, along with the reasons for the judgement.

Schools may challenge moderation outcomes by following the appeals procedure, as set out below. This appeals procedure adheres to the STA's statutory guidance and the KS1 and KS2 assessment and reporting arrangements.

Please note:

An appeal is only to be made if the school disagrees with the moderator's judgement. No additional evidence can be submitted at appeal. If the school wishes to appeal, a record of the evidence seen on the day must be made.

Stages of appeal:

1. The moderator explains the reasons for the judgement to the teacher and headteacher, supplementing the visit report explanation, if required, for clarification.
2. If the school does not agree with the judgement, this is recorded on the visit report and the headteacher may request an appeal.
3. If an appeal is requested, the moderator will fill in the 'Appeals Request form' with the headteacher, making a note of the evidence seen. This form will be returned to SLES by the moderator.
4. The school will be invited to attend an appeals meeting at St Mark's House, Eastbourne, where a different moderator will examine the evidence. These meetings will take place in hourly slots on either the 25th or 26th of June.
5. The new moderator will not discuss the evidence with the first moderator, to avoid tainting the judgement.
6. If the teacher disagrees with the second moderator's judgement and still wishes to challenge the outcome, the evidence will then be taken by the LA moderation manager to a formal Inter-LA appeal panel which will consist of representatives from other local authorities. This panel will review the evidence and make a judgement. The decision of this panel is final and the result agreed by the panel must be submitted to the STA.

At any point in this process, the headteacher may contact the LA moderation manager to explain their concerns and reasons for the challenge.

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