

How to: run an effective admissions appeals panel

Admission authorities

Admission authorities differ relating to the type of school, see the table below:

Type of school	Who is the admission authority?	Who is responsible for arranging an admission appeal?
Academies	Academy Trust	Academy Trust
Community schools	Local Authority	Local Authority
Foundation schools	Governing body	Governing body
Voluntary aided schools	Governing body	Governing body
Voluntary controlled schools	Local Authority	Local Authority

Admission authorities must ensure full compliance with the School Admissions Code 2021 and School Admissions Appeals Code 2012.

It is their duty to ensure compliance regardless of whether services are 'outsourced', for example where an academy trust might utilise local authority admissions support.

Admission authorities are responsible for determining, setting and publishing admissions arrangements.