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Literacy FOIA

1 message

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To: Katharine Casey <kcasey@sorillinois.com>
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Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 9:03 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records related to the literacy curriculum used within your district. **Specifically, I am looking for: 1) the names of the universal/core curricula currently used to teach reading in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, 2) the grade levels these are used if there are multiple reading curricula, 3) the dates the reading curricula were purchased, 4) and if there are plans to purchase different literacy curricula in the future.**

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform us of an estimated cost. This information is being sought for research purposes for a project funded by the Science of Reading Illinois to better understand literacy instruction in Illinois, and is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Illinois Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If access to the records we are requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact us with information about when we might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite the specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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FOIA Request from 11-16-23

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Fri, Nov 24, 2023 at 3:14 PM


Ms. Casey,

Please see the attached response from your FOIA request officially received on Monday, August 7, 2023.

Thank you,

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*Assistant Superintendent
Jacksonville School District 117*

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Matthew Moore, Assistant Superintendent

November 24, 2023

Dear Ms. Casey,

Thank you for writing to Jacksonville School District 117 with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On November 16, 2023, JSD 117 was in receipt of your commercial FOIA request for the following:

1. The names of the universal/core curricula currently used to teach reading in Kindergarten through 3rd grade,
2. The grade levels these are used if there are multiple reading curricula,
3. The dates the reading curricula were purchased
4. Any plans to purchase different literacy curricula in the future

As the FOIA Officer for Jacksonville School District 117, I am writing to inform you that your request is granted and the requested information is below:

1. HMH Journeys
2. K-5 Core
3. First year of implementation was 2017-2018
4. Possibly for the 2024-2025 school year

You have a right to have the result of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Leah Bartlett, Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701
877-299-3642
Email: public.access@ilag.gov.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Moore', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Matthew Moore
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