



## CRYSTAL LAKE ELEMENTARY DISTRICT #47

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August 30, 2022

Ms. Annie Ma  
Reporter, Associated Press  
ama@ap.org

### Re: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Ms. Ma:

On August 26, 2022 Crystal Lake School District No. 47 received a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request from you via email, in which you requested the following:

- Data regarding the number of student expulsions held in abeyance (or any other term used to describe student expulsions which have been temporarily suspended contingent on student compliance with a behavior contract, alternative school or program, etc.) in the district for each school year between 2016-2021, including raw total, raw data by race (white, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, two or more races) raw data by gender (male, female, other), raw data for students with an IEP/non-IEP, raw data for students by grade in school (pre-K-12) and raw data for students placed in an alternative educational program
  - The School District does not possess the documents you are requesting and in accordance with FOIA exemption 5 ILCS 140/1 only requires that a public body provide existing non-exempt records in response to your request.
- Copies of any policies or standard agreements for expulsions held in abeyance contingent on placement in an alternative educational program, or any other similar term or practice.
  - [Policy 7:210 Expulsion Procedures](#)

The information provided fulfills our obligation to your FOIA. To the extent your request has been denied by the District FOI Officer, you may appeal this decision to the Illinois Attorney General - Public Access Counselor: 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, Phone: 1-877-299-FOIA or (1-877-299-3642), Fax: (217) 782-1396, E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov. You may also appeal this decision by filing suit for injunctive relief in the circuit court for McHenry County, Illinois.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me 815-788-5000.

Sincerely,

Clare F. Bourne  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Crystal Lake School District 47

*Educational Excellence for All Students is Our Passion and Commitment.*

Annie Ma ([AMa@ap.org](mailto:AMa@ap.org)).

Rcvd - August 24, 2022 8:42PM

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 following:

- Data regarding the number of student expulsions held in abeyance (or any other term used to describe student expulsions which have been temporarily suspended contingent on student compliance with a behavior contract, alternative school or program, etc.) in the district for each school year between 2016-2021, including raw total, raw data by race (white, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, two or more races) raw data by gender (male, female, other), raw data for students with an IEP/non-IEP, raw data for students by grade in school (pre-K-12) and raw data for students placed in an alternative educational program
- Copies of any policies or standard agreements for expulsions held in abeyance contingent on placement in an alternative educational program, or any other similar term or practice.

I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. However the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest, as is the case for this request.

I would like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of student discipline. As a reporter, I am a representative of the news media, and thus my request is related to news gathering purposes. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 415-754-3120 or [ama@ap.org](mailto:ama@ap.org).

Sincerely,

Annie Ma

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