



Freedom of Information Law - Subject Matter List of Records Maintained by the SUNY Charter Schools Institute

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For more information on the Freedom of Information Law, please see the [NYS Department of State Committee on Open Government website](#).

Note that for a variety of reasons, including the age of a school, not every school will have a file or information in each category below.

ACADEMIC EVALUATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability

- Accountability Plan Progress Reports
- Accountability Plans
- Accountability Summaries and Performance Reviews
- Correspondence
- Enrollment and Retention Targets Information
- First Year Evaluation Reports
- Renewal Reports
- School Evaluation Reports
- Site Visit Letters

COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

Annual Reports

Enrollment

- Application and Admissions Summaries
- Student Applications
- Student Recruitment and Marketing Efforts Forms

Facilities

- Attorney Review Letters
- Certificates of Liability Insurance
- Certificates of Occupancy
- Correspondence
- Facility Completion Schedules
- Lease/Purchase Agreements
- Mortgage/Bond/Financing Agreements
- Reporting Questionnaires

Preopening Items

School Board Information

- Agendas
- Annual Disclosures
- Board Contact List
- Bylaws
- Codes of Ethics
- Conflicts of Interest
- Minutes
- New Trustee Information
 - Resume/Biography
 - Request for Information Form
- Policies (various, personnel, discipline, SPED discipline)
- Trustee Financial Disclosures

FINANCE

Financial Information

- Annual Audited Financial Statements/Cashflows
- Budgets (annual and start up)
- Fiscal Dashboard Information
- Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual
- Initial Statements
- Management Agreements
- Payroll
- Quarterly Financial Reports (unaudited)

LEGAL

Charters (includes renewal charters, extensions, and revisions)

- 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt IRS Letters
- Charter Agreements
- Correspondence
- Incorporation Papers (provisional charters)
- Requests for Change in Programs/Revisions (including mergers)

Charter Applications (includes renewal applications)

- Applications
- Business Plans
- Correspondence
- Letters of Intent

Notification
Reports and Letters
Requests for Amendment
Reviews and Evaluations

Charter Management Organization or Educational Service Provider

Management Agreement
Related Contracts

Complaints

Formal
Informal

Guidance Documents for Charter Schools

Litigation Information/Papers

Notification

Public Notices
School District Notices and Hearing Materials

Probation/Violations

Corrective Plans
Correspondence
Remedial Action Plans
Resolutions
Violation Letters

OPERATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

Budget

Correspondence/e-mail

Newsletters

Events

FOIL

Requests made to Institute
Responses to FOIL Requests

General Information

- Guidance Documents
- Podcasts
- Policies
- Presentations
- Requests for Proposals
- Website Files

Litigation

SUNY Charter Schools Committee Meeting Materials

- Committee Resolutions
- Grant Summaries
- Institute Update Memos
- Renewal Reports
- Summaries of Findings and Recommendations
- Summaries of Performance
- SUNY Board Resolutions (related to charter schools issues)

Grant Information (Charter Schools Stimulus Funds)

Note that this information is held for all charter schools that apply for the grants regardless of whether SUNY is the authorizer.

- Applications
- Contract Revisions
- Contracts
- Correspondence Related to Grant Programs
- Correspondence with Recipients
- Reimbursement Documentation
- Requests for Applications

For further records possessed by SUNY and the SUNY Research Foundation, please refer to [SUNY's Freedom of Information Law website](#) and [SUNY Research Foundation's Freedom of Information Law website](#).