

July 31, 2023

Tiffany Ferguson
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RE: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your commercial Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received July 13, 2023, for student directory information.

Parkland College Policy 8.08.02.a prohibits the release of directory information to outside agencies. Additionally, the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal statute providing for confidentiality and disclosure of post-secondary education student records. Your request does not fall within the guidelines of FERPA requiring disclosure without student consent. As such, Parkland College respectfully declines to provide the information requested in your Freedom of Information Act request pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a) and (c). Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c), Parkland College believes the information requested relating to its students is personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request, please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response 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:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart
Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation

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