



ADMINISTRATIVE

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DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

PUBLIC RECORDS

Members of the public may request to inspect or copy public records. A request by a member of the public may be delivered by mail or in person to the Office of the Superintendent/President.

Any request shall identify with reasonable specificity the records that are sought. If additional information is needed, the college Superintendent/President may request it be provided in writing.

Any request to inspect records shall be made sufficiently in advance of the date of inspection to allow staff time to assemble the records and identify any records that may be exempt from disclosure.

Records that are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act or any other provision of law may not be inspected or copied by members of the public. Social Security Numbers must be redacted from records before they are disclosed to the public.

Members of the public shall be assisted in identifying records or information that may respond to their request. Assistance that will be provided includes: the information technology and physical location in which the records exist; practical suggestions for overcoming denial of access to the records or information; and the estimated date and time when the records will be made available.

Within ten days, Office of the Superintendent/President will determine whether or not the records can be produced and will communicate the determination to the member of the public requesting the records.

The most common exemptions for community colleges include:

- Student records (Education Code Section 76243)
- Preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency or intra-agency memoranda that are not retained by the public agency in the ordinary course of business, provided that the public interest in withholding the records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure. (Government Code Section 7927.500)
- Records pertaining to pending litigation ...or to claims...until the pending litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled. (Government Code Section 7927.200)
- Personnel, medical or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (Government Code Section 7927.700)

- Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a licensing examination, examination for employment, or academic examination [except for standardized tests provided for by Education Code Section 99150 et seq.]. (Government Code Section 7929.605)
- The contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluation relative to the acquisition of property, or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until all of the property has been acquired or all of the contract agreement obtained. (Government Code Section 7928.705).
- Internet posting of home address or telephone numbers of local elected officials. (Government Code Section 7928.205)
- Home addresses, home telephone number, cellular phone number, and date of birth of employees of a school district or county office of education (other than to an agent or family member of the employee, to an officer of another school district when necessary, to an employee organization, or to an agency or employee of a health benefit plan). (Government Code Section 7928.300)
- Personal email addresses (other than to an agent or family member of the employee, to an officer of another school district when necessary, to an employee organization, or to an agency or employee of a health benefit plan) unless the email address is used by the employee to conduct public business, or necessary to identify a person in an otherwise disclosable communication. (Government Code Section 7928.300 subdivision (b))
- Records regarding alternative investments (i.e., an investment in a private equity fund, venture fund, hedge fund, or absolute return fund; limited partnership, limited liability company or similar legal structure) involving public investment funds, unless already publicly released by the keeper of the information.
- Information security records, if disclosure of that record would reveal vulnerabilities to, or otherwise increase the potential for an attack on, the District's information technology system.
- Identification number, alphanumeric character, or other unique identifying code that a district uses to identify a vendor or contractor, or an affiliate of a vendor or contractor, unless the identification number, alphanumeric character, or other unique identifying code is used in a public bidding or an audit involving the public agency. (Government Code 7928.715)

Reference:

Government Code Section 7920.000 et seq.

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