

## JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #117

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Mike McGiles, Director of Operations

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March 4, 2021

Dear Ms. Smith and Ms. Richards,

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 February 25, 2021, JSD 117 was in receipt of your request for the following records:

1. Records that show all incidents that included referral to law enforcement, including school-based resource officers, and the underlying offense during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 school years that did not result in arrest.
2. Records that show all arrests of students made inside the school district and the underlying offense during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 school years.
3. Records that show the gender and race of students referred to law enforcement, arrested and/or issued a citation or ticket in the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 school years.
4. Records that show all incidents in which students were issued a citation or ticket for an ordinance violation during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 school years.

As the FOIA Officer for Jacksonville School District 117 I am writing to inform you that your request for items 1, 2, and most of 3 is granted and the request information is attached to the email accompanying this letter. However, your request for part of item number 3 and all of 4 is denied for the following reason:

- No responsive documents or records exist pertaining to your request for part of item number 3 and all of number 4

You have a right to have the denial 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:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

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

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,

Mike McGiles  
Director of Operations  
FOIA Officer  
Jacksonville School District 117  
(217) 243-9411  
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[www.jsd117.org](http://www.jsd117.org)

Ordered Date	Sex	Local Race	Diff Reason	Offense
08/23/2019	M	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	THREAT PHY ATTK WO PHY INJURY
04/03/2019	F	MULTI-RACIAL	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK W PHY INJURY
05/21/2019	M	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK W PHY INJURY
10/01/2018	M	WHITE	POLICE CALLED	INSUBORDINATE/DEFIANT TO STAFF
11/14/2019	F	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK W PHY INJURY
01/24/2019	F	WHITE	POLICE CALLED	ENDANGERING OTHERS/SELF
10/29/2018	F	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	DEFIANCE
10/17/2018	F	WHITE	POLICE CALLED	DISRUPTION OF ED PROCESS
02/08/2019	F	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK WITH WEAPON
10/15/2018	M	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	THREAT PHY ATTK WO PHY INJURY
08/31/2018	M	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
08/22/2018	M	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK W PHY INJURY
10/03/2018	M	MULTI-RACIAL	POLICE/ARREST	INSUBORDINATE/DEFIANT TO STAFF
10/08/2019	F	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
09/04/2018	F	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	THREAT OF PHY ATTACK W WEAPON
08/31/2018	M	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
05/22/2019	F	MULTI-RACIAL	POLICE/ARREST	THREAT PHY ATTK W PHY INJURY
03/15/2019	F	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
10/29/2018	M	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	INSUBORDINATE/DEFIANT TO STAFF
08/24/2018	F	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
10/08/2019	F	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
10/08/2019	F	MULTI-RACIAL	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
08/31/2018	F	MULTI-RACIAL	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
11/08/2018	F	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
02/13/2019	F	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK WITH WEAPON
09/28/2019	M	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	THREAT PHY ATTK W PHY INJURY
09/06/2018	M	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	THREAT PHY ATTK WO PHY INJURY
10/29/2018	M	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	THREAT PHY ATTK WO PHY INJURY
10/12/2018	M	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	DRUGS
09/17/2018	F	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK W PHY INJURY
11/08/2018	M	BLACK	POLICE CALLED	FIGHTING
10/08/2019	F	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
08/24/2018	M	BLACK	POLICE/ARREST	FIGHTING
02/06/2020	F	MULTI-RACIAL	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK W PHY INJURY
10/04/2019	M	WHITE	POLICE/ARREST	PHYSICAL ATTACK W PHY INJURY



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**FOIA - Chicago Tribune and ProPublica**

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Received Feb. 25, 2021

**Smith Richards, Jennifer** <jrichards@chicagotribune.com>  
To: "mmcgiles@jsd117.org" <mmcgiles@jsd117.org>

Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 11:46 AM



February 25, 2021

Mike McGiles

Jacksonville SD 117

Sent via email to [mmcgiles@jsd117.org](mailto:mmcgiles@jsd117.org)

In accordance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica request that you provide the following records:

- Records that show all incidents that included referral to law enforcement, including school-based resource officers, and the underlying offense during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 school years that did not result in arrest.
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The records could include, but not be limited to, disciplinary logs or reports, incident logs or reports, behavior resolution reports, and data that reflects the referrals, arrests and citations during the above years.

We believe all the records are public. These records are being sought as part of research by the news media intended to enlighten the public. If your agency believes any parts of any records are exempt from disclosure, please provide me an explanation to justify the redaction or withholding, and then provide the rest of the records.

Please note that statute does not allow your agency to withhold documents in their entirety if only parts of the records may be exempt. Please provide the information within five days, as required by law.

If these records are available electronically, please provide them that way to [jrichards@chicagotribune.com](mailto:jrichards@chicagotribune.com) and [jodi.cohen@propublica.org](mailto:jodi.cohen@propublica.org).

Thank you,

Jennifer Smith Richards

Chicago Tribune

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312-593-0906

Jodi S. Cohen

ProPublica

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**2 attachments**



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1 message

**Mike McGiles** <mmcgiles@jsd117.org>

Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 11:11 AM

To: jrichards@chicagotribune.com, jodi.cohen@propublica.org

Cc: Mike McGiles &lt;mmcgiles@jsd117.org&gt;

Ms. Smith Richards and Ms. Cohen,

Attached please find the response to your FOIA request that JSD 117 received on February 25, 2021.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Please reply as you are able to confirm receipt.

Thanks,

Mike McGiles

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**2 attachments****FOIA Response - Chicago Tribune - arrest data.pdf**  
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97K