



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Office of the General Counsel

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DCPS FOIA Request No.: 2019-FOIA-04520

Dear Mr. Mulhauser:

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request as follows:

Request: 1. Please provide any records showing the name of the admissions test used as part of screening applicants to DCPS School Without Walls (SWW). This refers to the “proprietary” test mentioned on the website but not identified (not the citywide PARCC test all students take).

Response: The enclosed documents are responsive to your request.

Request 2. Please provide any records of contracts or purchase orders to obtain copies of tests for student use and any related services such as scoring. Note the DC FOIA exemption for tests does not apply as this request does not ask for questions and answers on any future test. DC Code 2-534(a)(5) (“Test questions and answers...”) School Without Walls (SWW) requires applicants to take a test. The name of the test is not provided in SWW (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 04/20/2019).

Response: DCPS does not possess information that is responsive to this request.

Your fee waiver request is granted; no fees will be assessed for processing this request. Under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR §412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” or “FOIA Appeal” in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, and e-mail and/or U.S. Mail address at which you can be reached. The appeal must be mailed to The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to The Mayor's Correspondence Unit at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the undersigned Freedom of Information Officer for DCPS. Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in a delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this response to your FOIA request, I can be reached by calling 202-442-5000.

Sincerely,

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