



RANTOUL CITY SCHOOLS
BROADMEADOW-EASTLAWN-NORTHVIEW-PLEASANT ACRES
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September 15, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL

Owen Wang
Chambana Sun
foia@chambanasun.com

Dear Mr. Wang:

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that was emailed on September 8, 2025.

You requested:

Names of all graduates from your middle schools for the completed school year with the following fields:

Name

Destination High School

I emailed you on September 8, 2025 seeking the following clarification, and have received no response from you:

I am writing to seek clarification regarding this FOIA, emailed on September 8. In order to respond to your FOIA, the district assumes that by "graduates", you mean students defined in Illinois School Code as eligible to receive a high school diploma and who were issued a high school diploma by this school district. If that was not your intent, please notify us by Friday, September 12 as that will affect our response. If we do not receive further information from you by September 12, we will move forward with processing your FOIA request based on students who were eligible to receive a high school diploma and who were issued a high school diploma by this school district.

As a PK-8 school district, there are no records responsive to your request.

The person responsible for the response to your request is Scott C. Woods, FOIA Officer for the School District. You may ask the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor (PAC) to review this response concerning your records request, by submitting a Request for Review to the PAC by electronic mail or U.S. Mail within 60 days after this response. A request for review by the PAC should be directed to:

Public Access Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62706
publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

The PAC's telephone number is (877) 299-FOIA.

You also have the right to administrative review by a court of law pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

RANTOUL CITY SCHOOLS EXISTS TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY BY EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS.

**BUILDING COMMUNITY. EDUCATING STUDENTS.
CONSTRUYENDO COMUNIDAD. EDUCANDO A LOS ESTUDIANTES.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Woods", is positioned above the printed name.

Scott C. Woods

FOIA Officer

Rantoul City School District #137



Scott Woods <swoods@rcs137.org>

Fwd: FOIA Request- Middle School Graduates

1 message

Lynda Watterson <lwatterson@rcs137.org>

Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 9:36 AM

To: Scott Woods <swoods@rcs137.org>

Lynda Watterson
Human Resource Manager
Rantoul City Schools #137
217-893-5400

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old but on building the new." - Socrates

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <foia@chambanasun.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 9:34 AM

Subject: FOIA Request- Middle School Graduates

To: <Lwatterson@rcs137.org>

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from Chambana Sun, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

Names of all graduates from your middle schools for the completed school year with the following fields:

Name

Destination High School

As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Owen Wang,

Chambana Sun