



January 28, 2009

Joe Smith

Office of Student Judiciary

Dear Mr. Smith,

Pursuant to the state open records law, Ala. Code Sec. 36-12-40 to 36-12-41, I write to request access to and a copy of the following public information in the custody of your agency, or documents from which the information can be gleaned, for calendar years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 (broken down separately by year, to the extent available) up to the present date:

- 1) The total number of student disciplinary complaints reported to and investigated by the office of student judiciary;
- 2) Of those complaints, the number of cases resulting in an adjudicatory hearing, and of those sent to hearing, the number resulting in a finding of guilt and the issuance of a punishment;
- 3) Statistics showing the number of punishments by nature handed down by the office of student judiciary (i.e., 5 expulsions, 10 suspensions, and so on).
- 4) Any breakdowns by category, type or subject-matter classification showing the nature of the cases referenced in the above requests (i.e., drugs, alcohol, hazing, graffiti, and so on).
- 5) Statistics indicating the number of cases that were referred by campus police to the office of student judiciary, and
- 6) The number of sexual assault complaints referred to the office of student judiciary and the disposition of each case, including the punishment (if any) imposed.

To the extent required by law, you may remove personally identifiable information and produce the documents in redacted form. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$10. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

I would request your response within ten (10) business days.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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