

Subject: SPARKS 16JAN2024 - FOIA Response
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 2:20:21 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: FOIA Unknown
To: AO Records
Attachments: 3.14.2024 Final FOIA LETTER Response (1).pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

In response to your request, we can provide the attached information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Regards,
Office of Communications

On Thu, Mar 21, 2024 at 3:28 PM FOIA Unknown <foia@charleston.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Good afternoon,

A response to your request has been finalized and prepared for submission. The documents will be shared with you upon receipt of the balance due of **\$30.00**.

To pay with a card use this link [RevTrak Card Payment](#).

To pay with a check, make payable to Charleston County School District, and include "FOIA Fee" in the memo/reference line. The payment should be mailed to **Charleston County School District, Attn: Shaniqua Gold, 75 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401.**

Regards,
Office of Communications

On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 12:02 PM FOIA Unknown <foia@charleston.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The anticipated cost of the search, retrieval, and redaction of the requested documents is approximately **\$40.00**. Therefore, a deposit of 25%, or **\$10.00**, is required at this time pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-30(B). CCSD's fee schedule can be found [here](#).

Please make your check payable to the Charleston County School District, and include "FOIA Fee" in the memo/reference line. The payment should be mailed to Charleston County School District, Attn: Shaniqua Gold, [75 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401](#).

To pay with a card use this link [RevTrak Card Payment](#).

Pursuant to the statute, a response to your request will be provided to you within 30 days from the date the deposit is received. If the records you seek are more than 24 months old, a response will be provided within 35 days from the date the deposit is received.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Regards,
Office of Communications

On Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 4:10 PM FOIA Unknown <foia@charleston.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We are in receipt of your FOIA request dated January 16, 2024. The Charleston County School District has determined that the requested information meets the definition of public records and, to the extent CCSD's search locates documents responsive to your request, we will respond with those available documents and records within the guidelines of the SC Freedom of Information Act.

Pursuant to the statute, a response to your request will be provided to you within 30 days of the date of this letter. If the records you seek are more than 24 months old, a response will be provided within 35 days of the date of this letter. CCSD reserves the right to charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the actual cost of the search, retrieval, and redaction of the requested records. The fee schedule can be found [here](#). Any such fee must be paid at the time of production.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Regards,
Office of Communications

On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 3:10 PM AO Records <records@americanoversight.org> wrote:

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

Dylan Winters

Paralegal | American Oversight

records@americanoversight.org |

www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

FOIA: SC-CHARLESTON-24-0016

TO: Vanessa Denny, Executive Director of Communications

THROUGH: Michelle Simmons, Chief Academic Officer

FROM: Jerome Davis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: FOIA Response for Ben Sparks at American Oversight

DATE: March 14, 2024

RE: The official response to American Oversight Freedom of Information Act request for records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 et seq.

Curriculum and Instruction

Anita W. Huggins, M.Ed.
Acting Superintendent

Michelle Simmons, Ed.S.
Chief Academic Officer

Jerome Davis, Ed.D.
Director

Pursuant to Sections 59-5-60 and 59-31-550, the State Board of Education (SBE) has the responsibility and duty to adopt the instructional materials used for instruction in the free public schools of South Carolina. Specific subject criteria the SBE uses for adoption are contained in the **grade level education standards adopted by the State Board, and each curriculum framework, occupational education core curriculum, and other program area materials that are not addressed in the standards and supplemental curriculum frameworks.**

Materials approved for adoption by the SBE are provided to school districts for further review and consideration.

Files, including formal and informal guidance, assessments, recommendations, and planning documents for instructional materials adoption from **January 1, 2021, to date**, are in this [folder](#). None of the included files are related to identifying curriculum materials prohibited by HB 4100 (Sec. 1.105),² HB 5150 (Part 1B, Sec. 1.93),³ or HB 4300 (Part 1B, Sec. 1.82).⁴ The files are related to identifying curriculum materials based on **grade-level education standards adopted by the South Carolina State Board of Education, approved state curriculum frameworks, occupational education core curriculum, and other program area materials not addressed in the standards and supplemental curriculum frameworks.**